

はじめての THE FIGHTING! ステップ

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森川ジョージ



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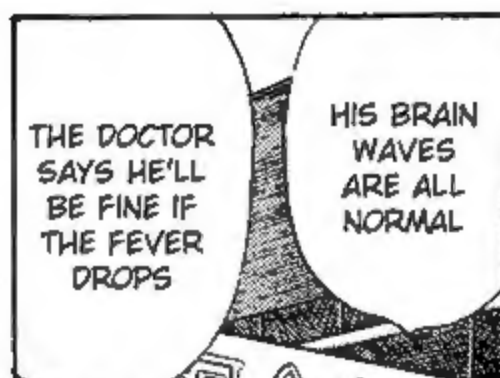
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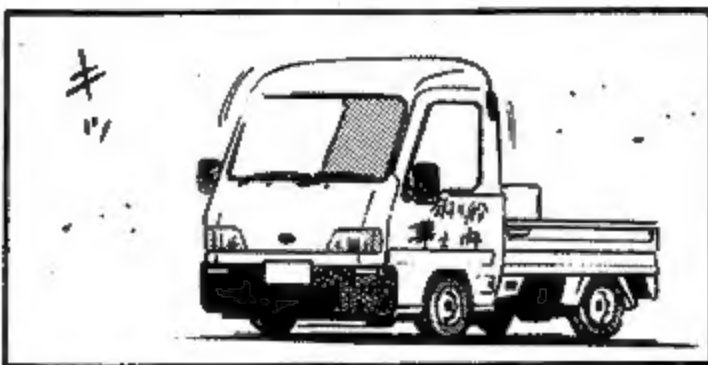
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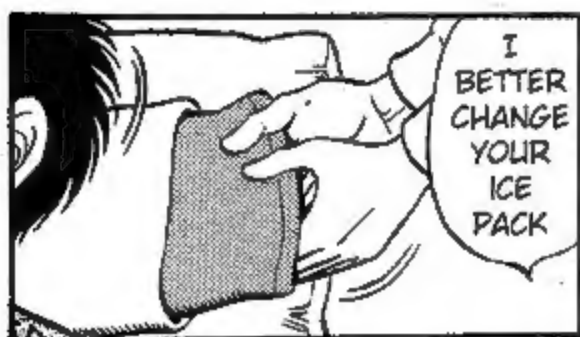


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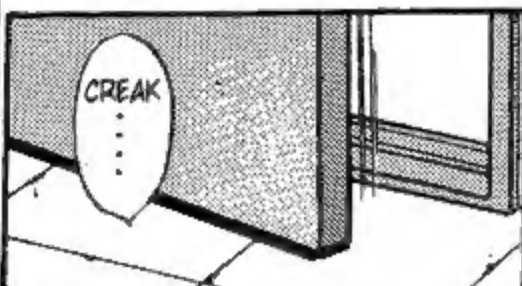
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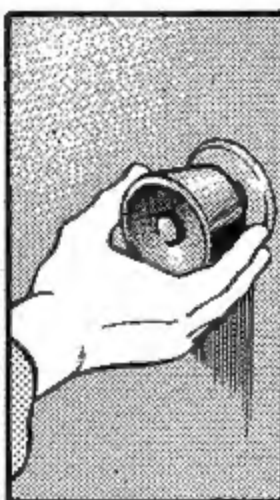


KO
...











IT MAKES
ME WANT
TO SAY
"WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING"
BUT



WELL
COMING
BACK LIKE
THIS AFTER
DOING WHAT
HE WANTS



SEEING
THAT
MAKES ME
LOSE MY
WILL TO
COMPLAIN

AND HE'S
FOUND
SOMETHING
HE LOVES
AND WORK
HARD AT IT

SINCE HE
ALWAYS
USED
TO BE
BULLIED



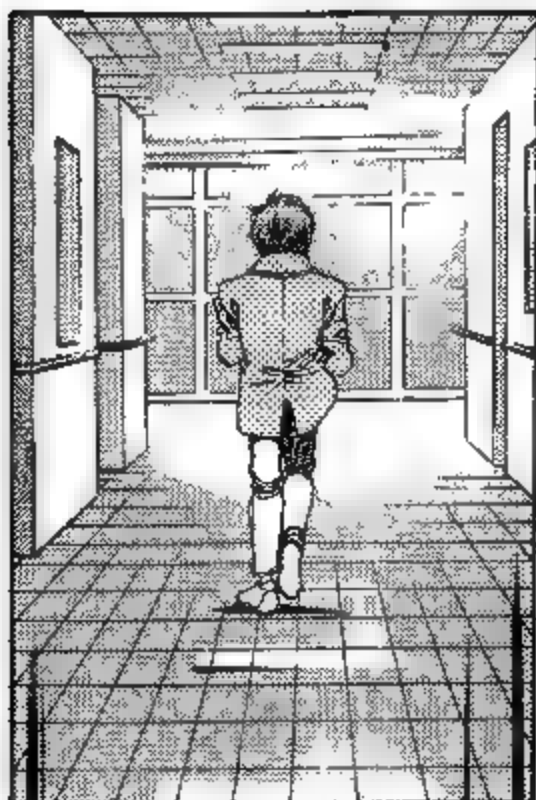
N-
NOT
AT
ALL

OH,
SORRY.
I WAS
BLABBER-
ING



IS A
WONDERFUL
THING FOR
ANY MOTHER

WHATEVER
IT MAY BE,
SEEING
YOUR SON
WORK
HARD...



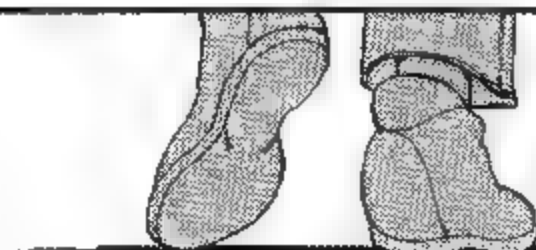
WE
SHOULD
BE THE
ONES
THANKING
YOU...



THANK
YOU VERY
MUCH



I WAS
THINKING



FOR THE
LONGEST
TIME

HOW
WORRIED
WOULD SHE
BECOME

WHAT WOULD
SHE SAY IF SHE
KNEW I LOST

HOW SHOULD
I TELL MY
MOTHER ..

COMING TO
JAPAN, I'VE
EXPERIENCED
SO MUCH,
I'VE MET
MANY
PEOPLE

I DON'T EVEN
KNOW HOW
TO BEGIN

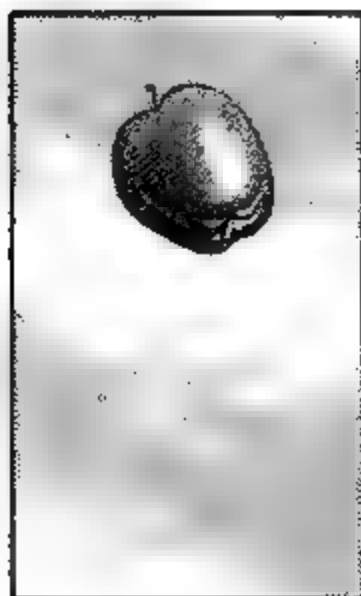
I HAVE SO
MUCH TO
TALK ABOUT,
A PHONE
CALL
WOULDN'T
BE ENOUGH

I'LL WRITE
A LETTER

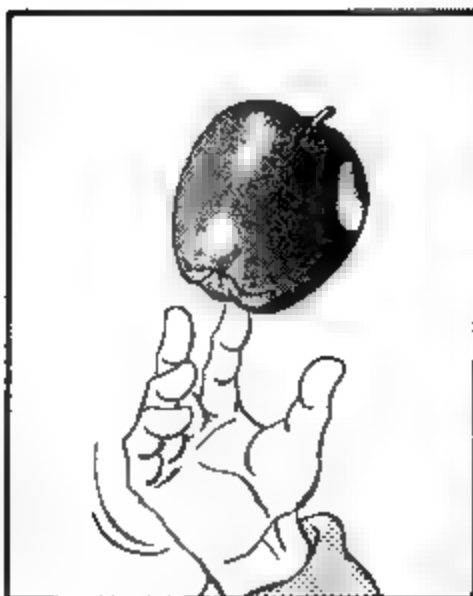


HOW
COULD I
EVER
EXPLAIN
IT ALL





"MO-
THER,
I
—











ALRIGHT AOKI!!
SQUEEZE IT
OUT LIKE YOU
DID EVERY
TIME!!

WE CAN'T
LET
REIKO-SAN
TOUCH
SUCH A
THING

PLEASE
STAY
BACK

RIGHT



BUT NOW
I'M REALLY
REALLY
USED TO IT

AT FIRST I
WAS SCARED
BECAUSE IT
WAS SO
BIG

Y-YOU DID
THIS EVERY
TIME...



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
ELSE THEY'D
DO TO ME



HEY

I CAN
DO IT BY
MYSELF

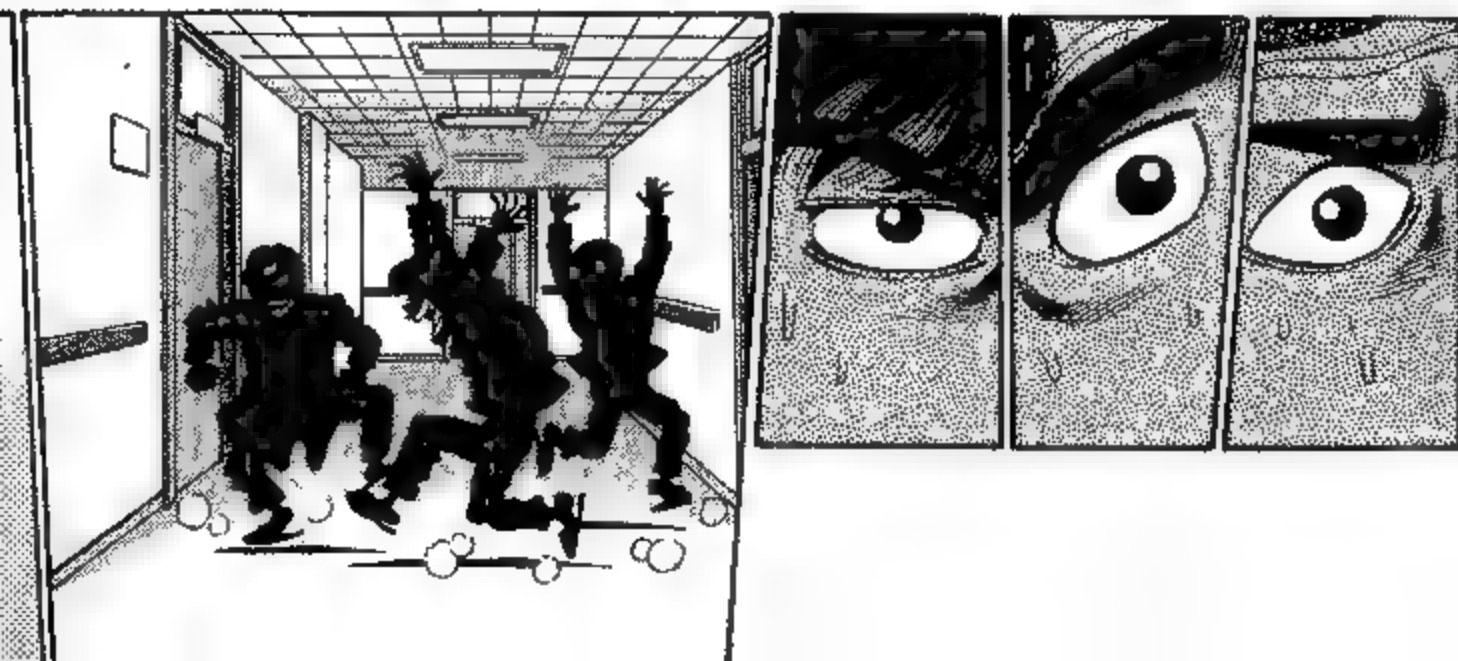
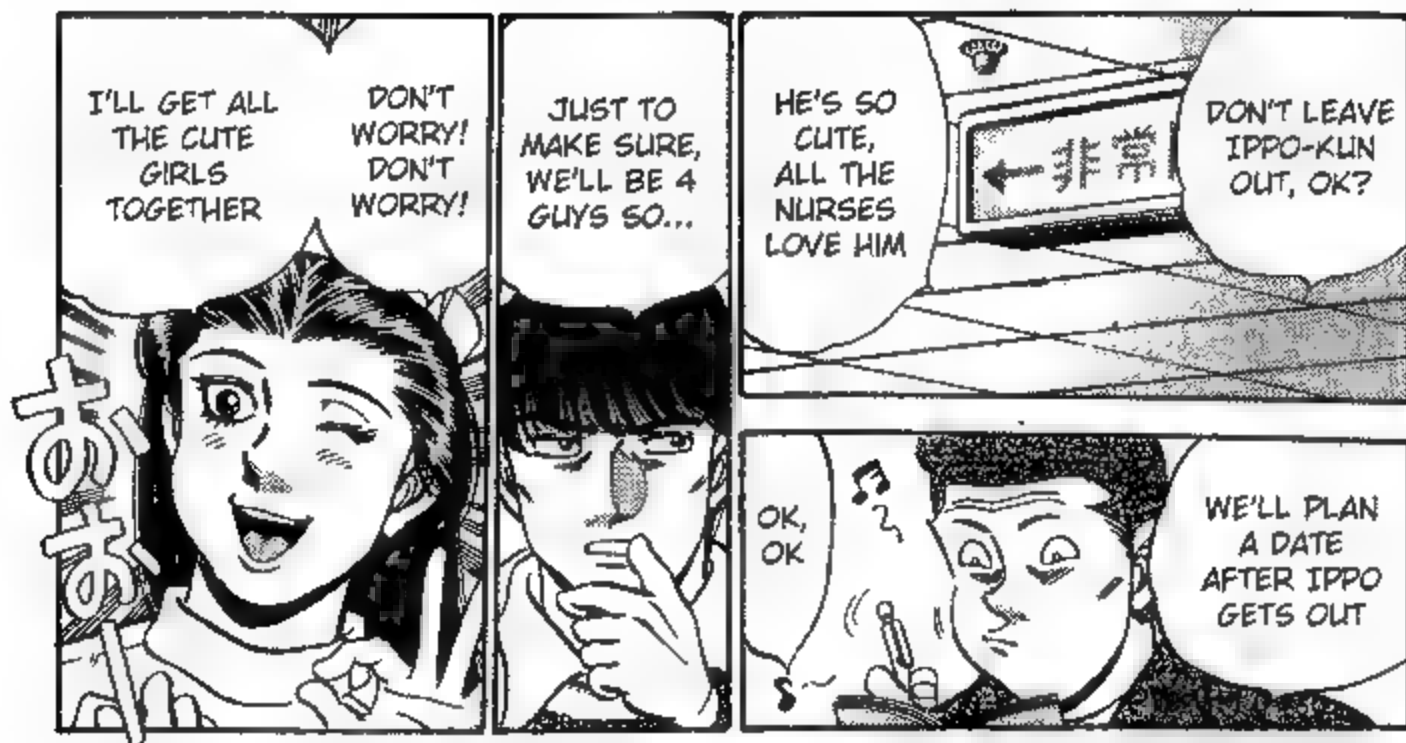
I'M
AWAKE
NOW!



POOR
THING
MUST BE
SHOCKED

BASTARD, HE
DIDN'T EVEN
THANK US FOR
HELPING OUT







*TAKAMURA RULES!!



I WAS
TOO
LATE
...



I KNEW
THEY
WOULDN'T
JUST HELP
OUT FOR
FREE

THEY
WROTE ON
IT WITH
MARKERS!



AUGH
!?



PLAYING
TRICKS ON
ME
WITHOUT
ME
KNOWING
ABOUT IT
...

DAMN
IT



...NE



A-AH YES,
I'M FI...

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT
?



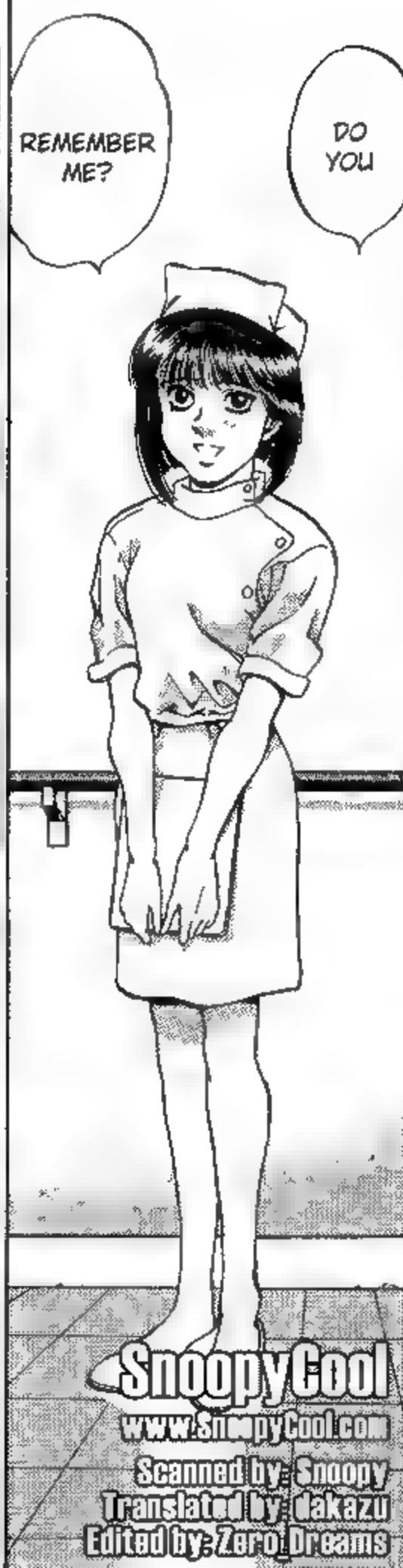
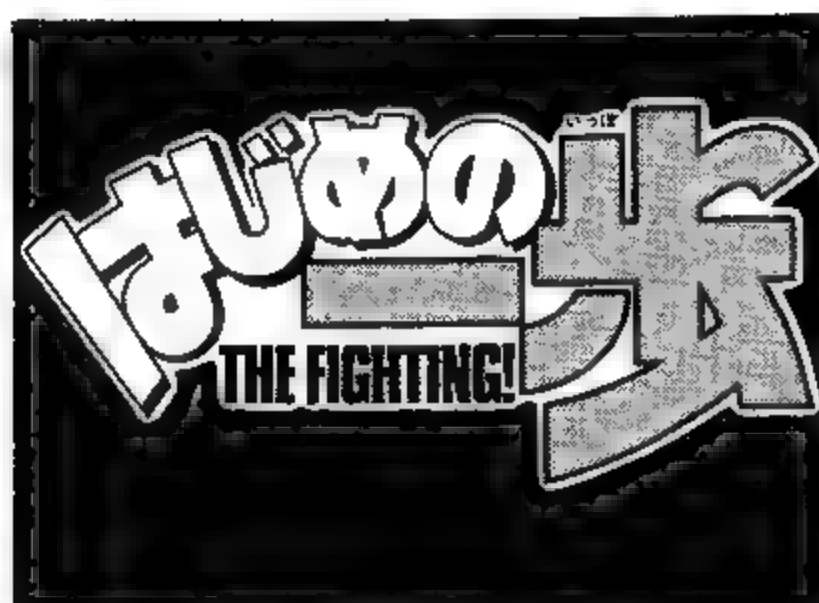
WELL, I
WAS OUT
FOR 3
DAYS...

T-THERE'S
STILL
DAMAGE
LEFT
OVER

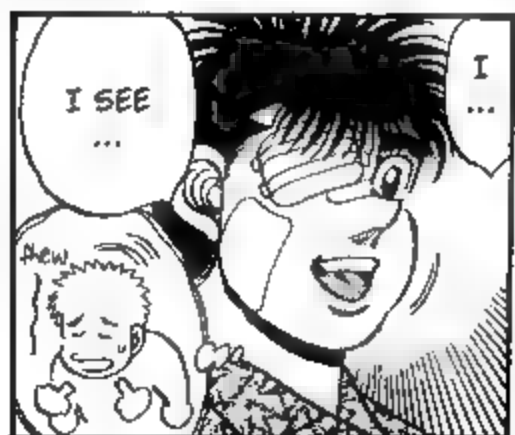


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WOW,
THAT'S
REALLY
AMAZING

H-HE
WON IT
!?



HOW DID
MASHIBA-
SAN DO?

OH YEAH!
THE A
CLASS
MONEY
TOURNA-
MENT

I DON'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING
AFTER THE
FIGHT SO...



IT
MOTI-
VATES
ME
TOO

WOW, IT'S
REALLY GREAT.
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
MASHIBA-
SAN'S DOING
SO WELL



EVER
SINCE YOU
WERE
HOSPITAL-
IZED...

I REALLY
WANTED
TO TELL
MAKUNOJI-
CHI-SAN
ABOUT HIM



H-
UM



THIS IS
REALLY
THE
TRUTH
AND...

WHAT I
WANTED
TO SAY
WAS...



THANK
YOU SO
MUCH

I FEEL
MUCH
BETTER
NOW!



I WAS
REALLY
WORRIED
ABOUT IT
...

SEEING
MAKUNOUCHI-
SAN SO
HEALTHY
AGAIN REALLY
RELIEVED ME



TAKE
CARE



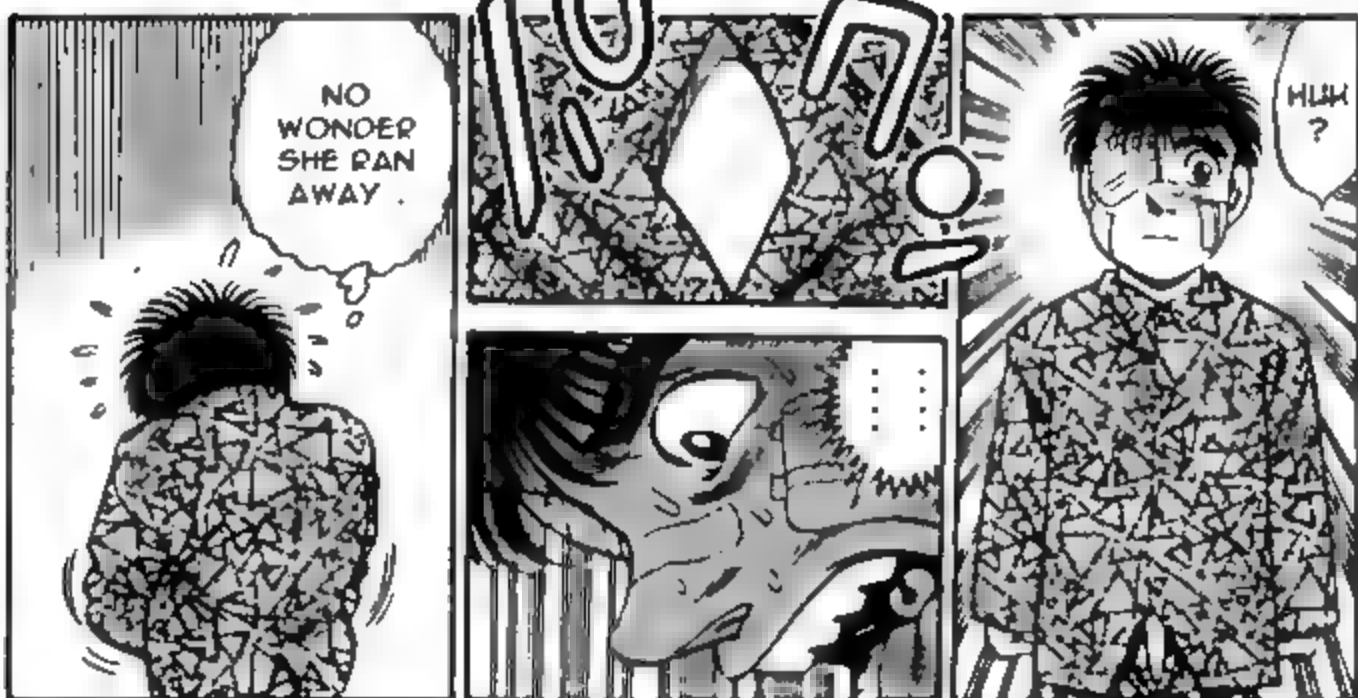
SHE'S A
NURSE
SO OF
COURSE
SHE'S
CON-
CERNED

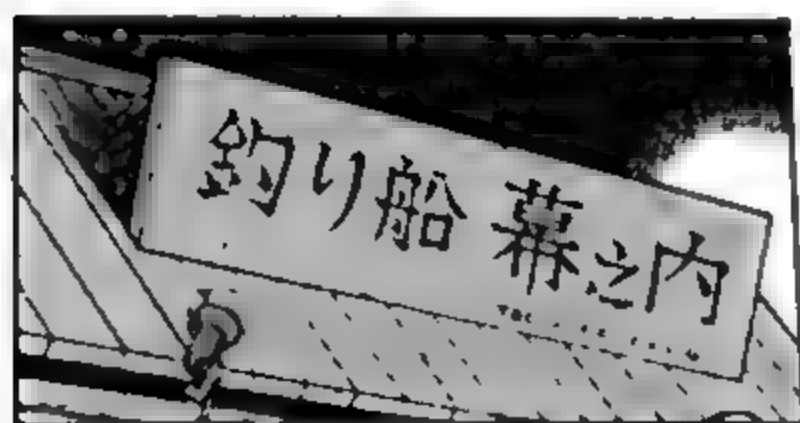
OOPS,
ALMOST
LET MY
IMAGINATION
RUN WILD
AGAIN



SHE WAS
CONCERNED
ABOUT ME

SHE RAN
OFF AFTER
BLUSHING







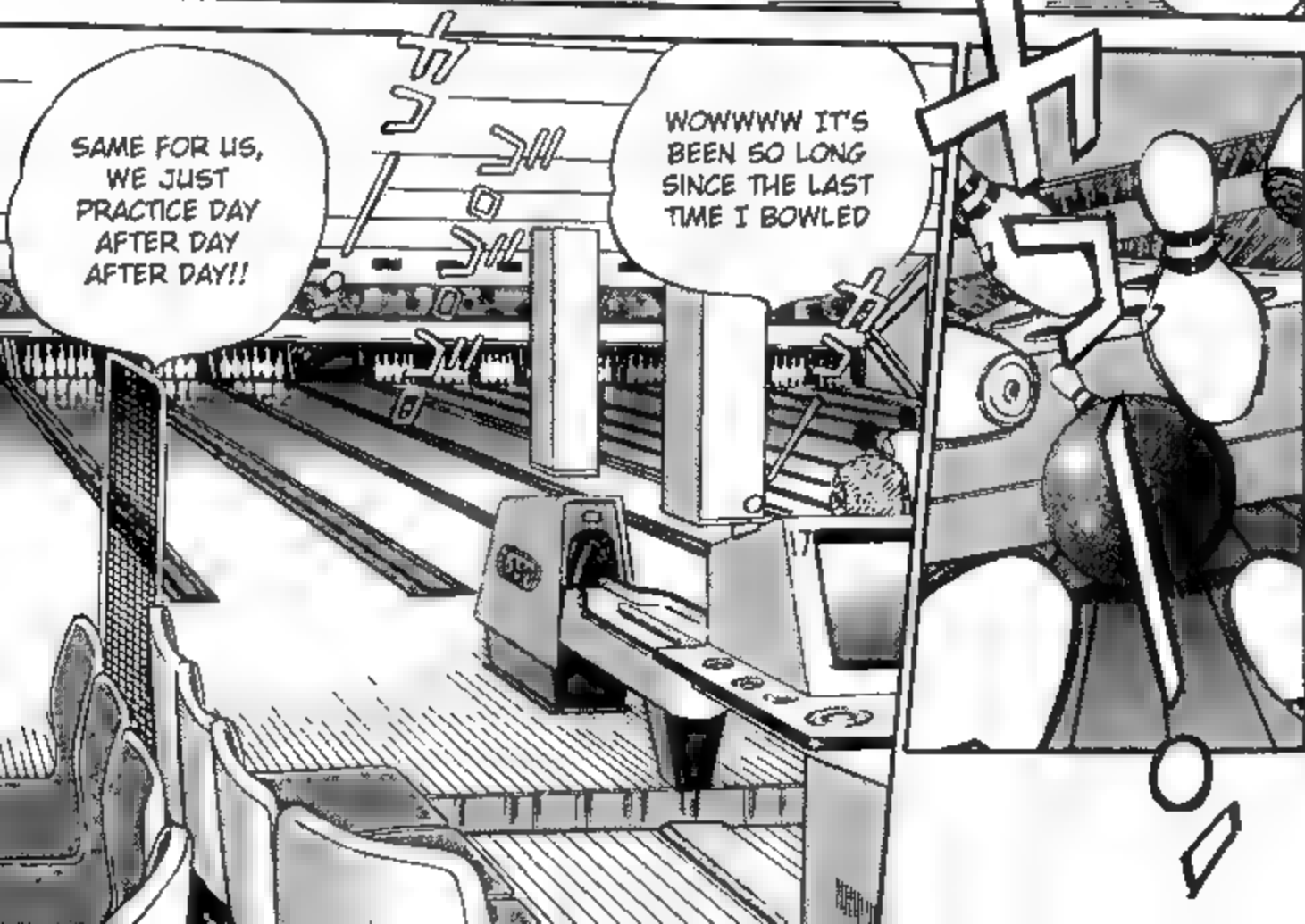
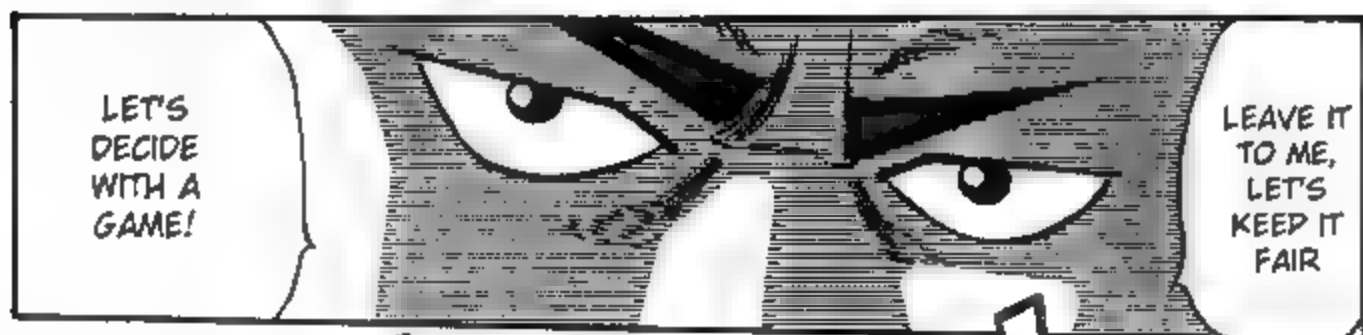


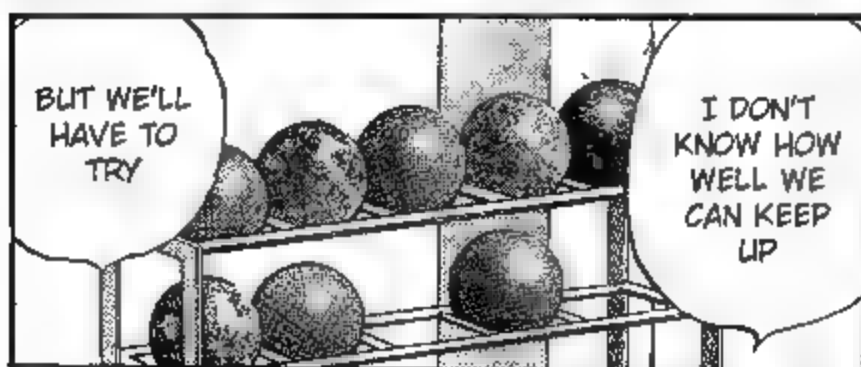


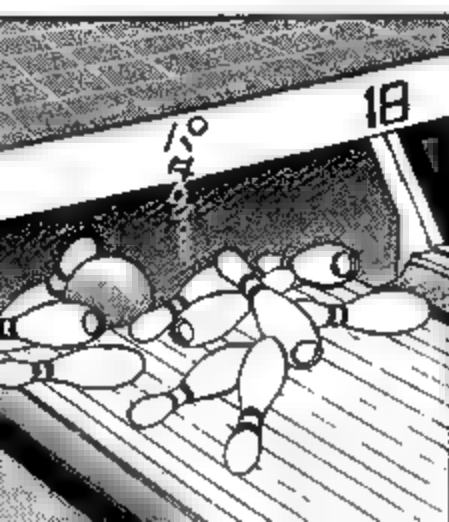
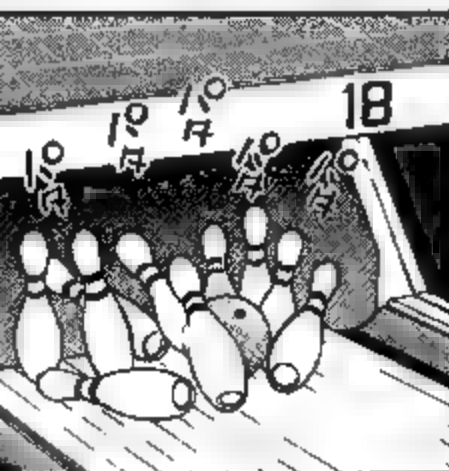
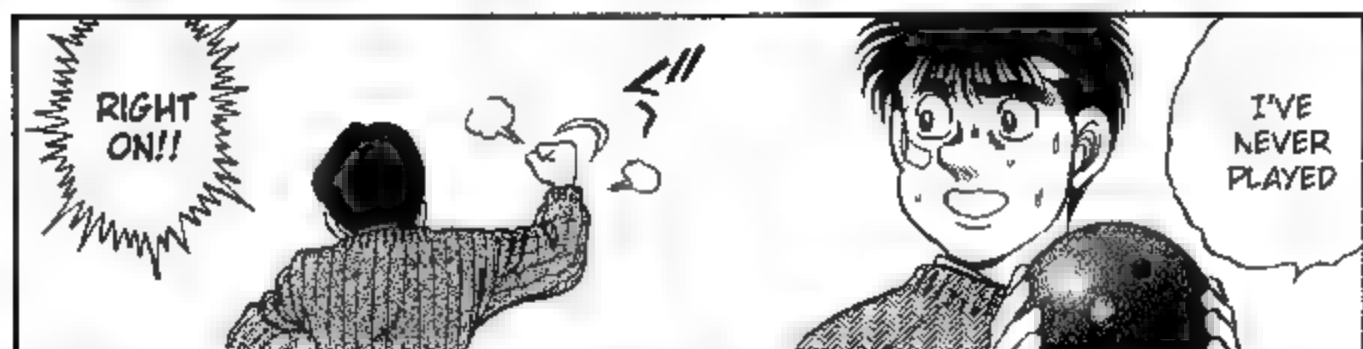
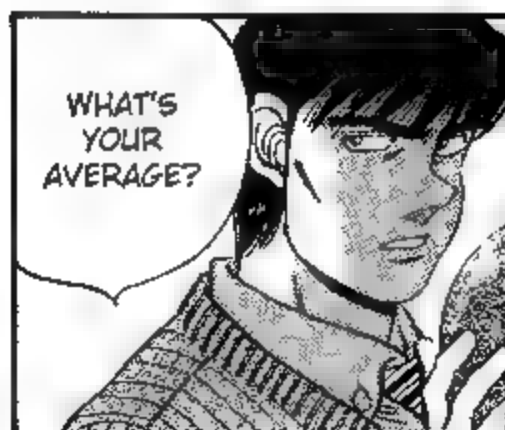




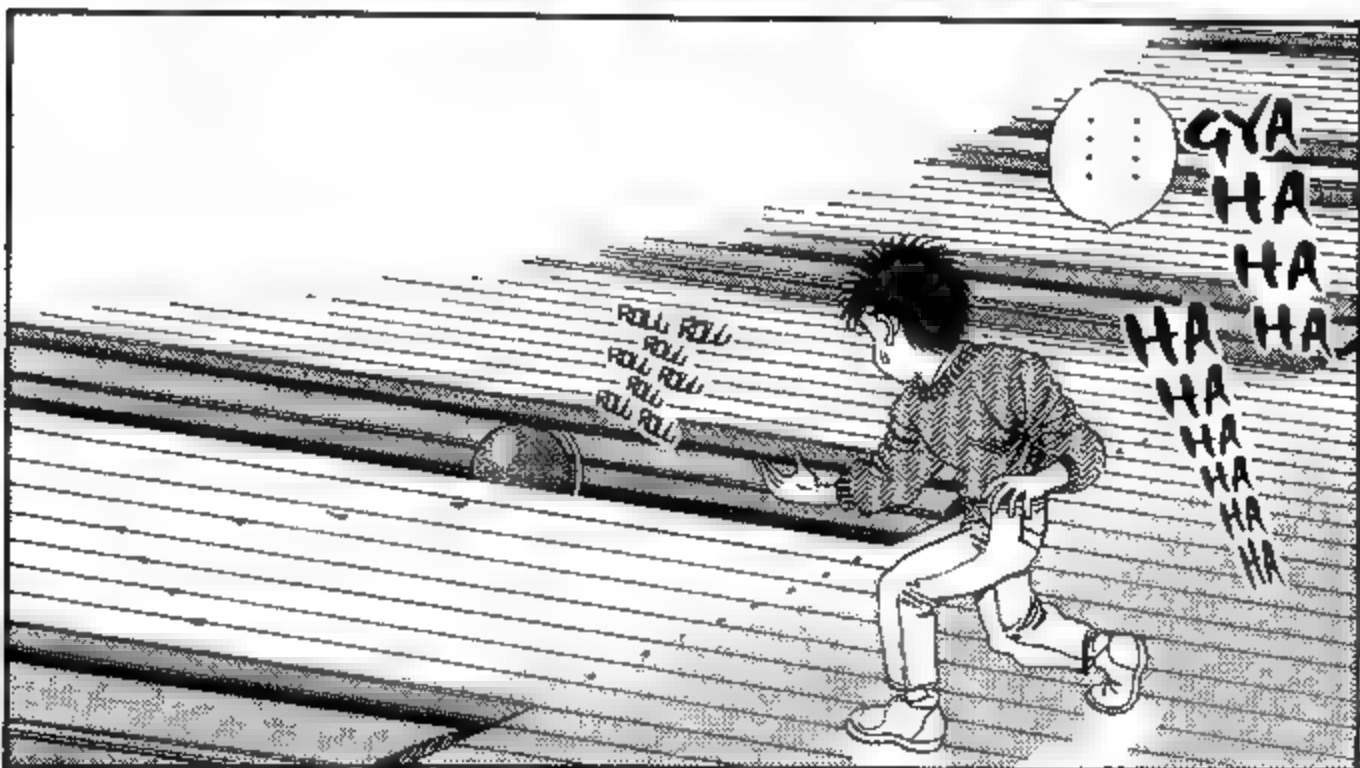










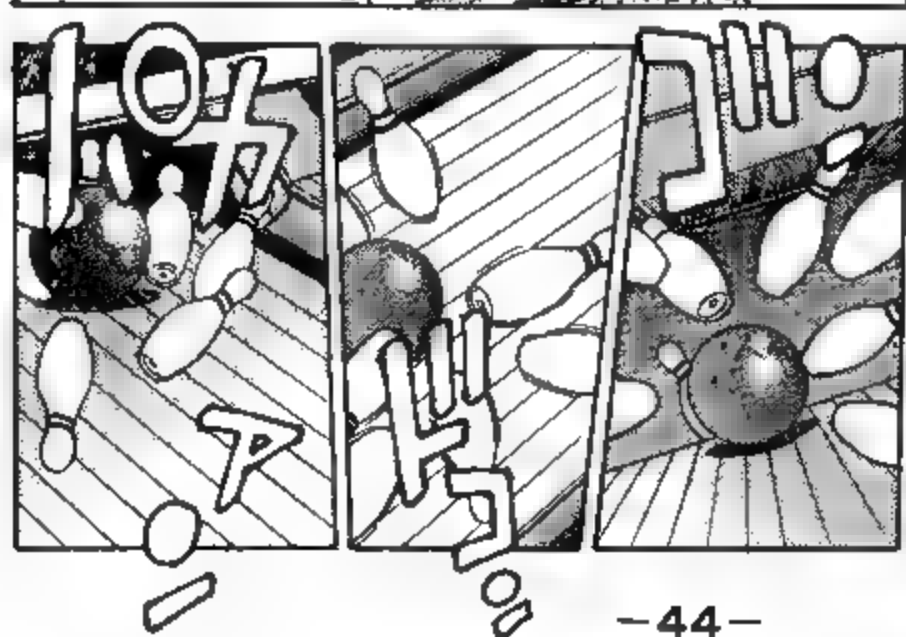
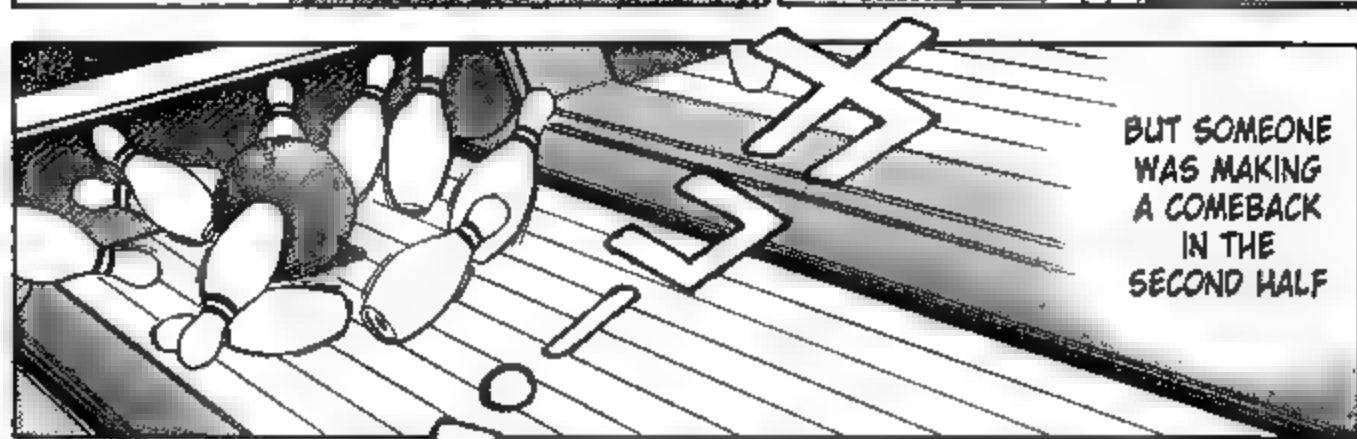


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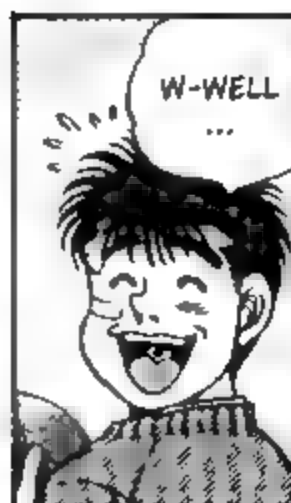
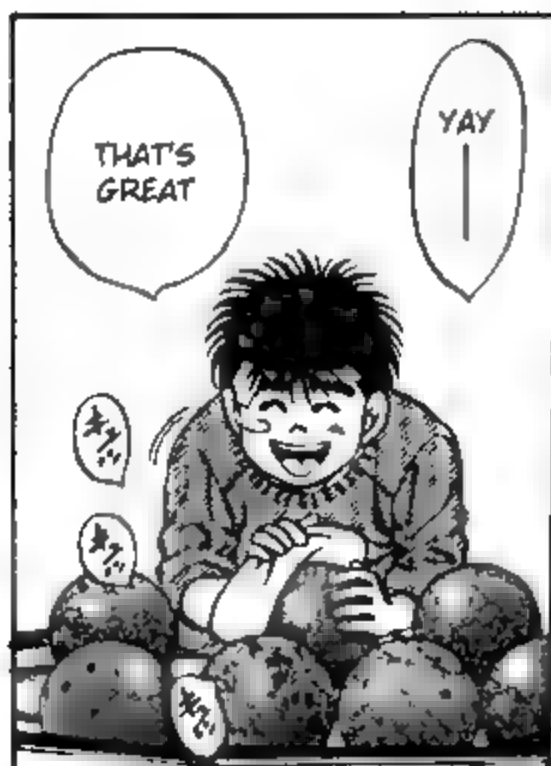




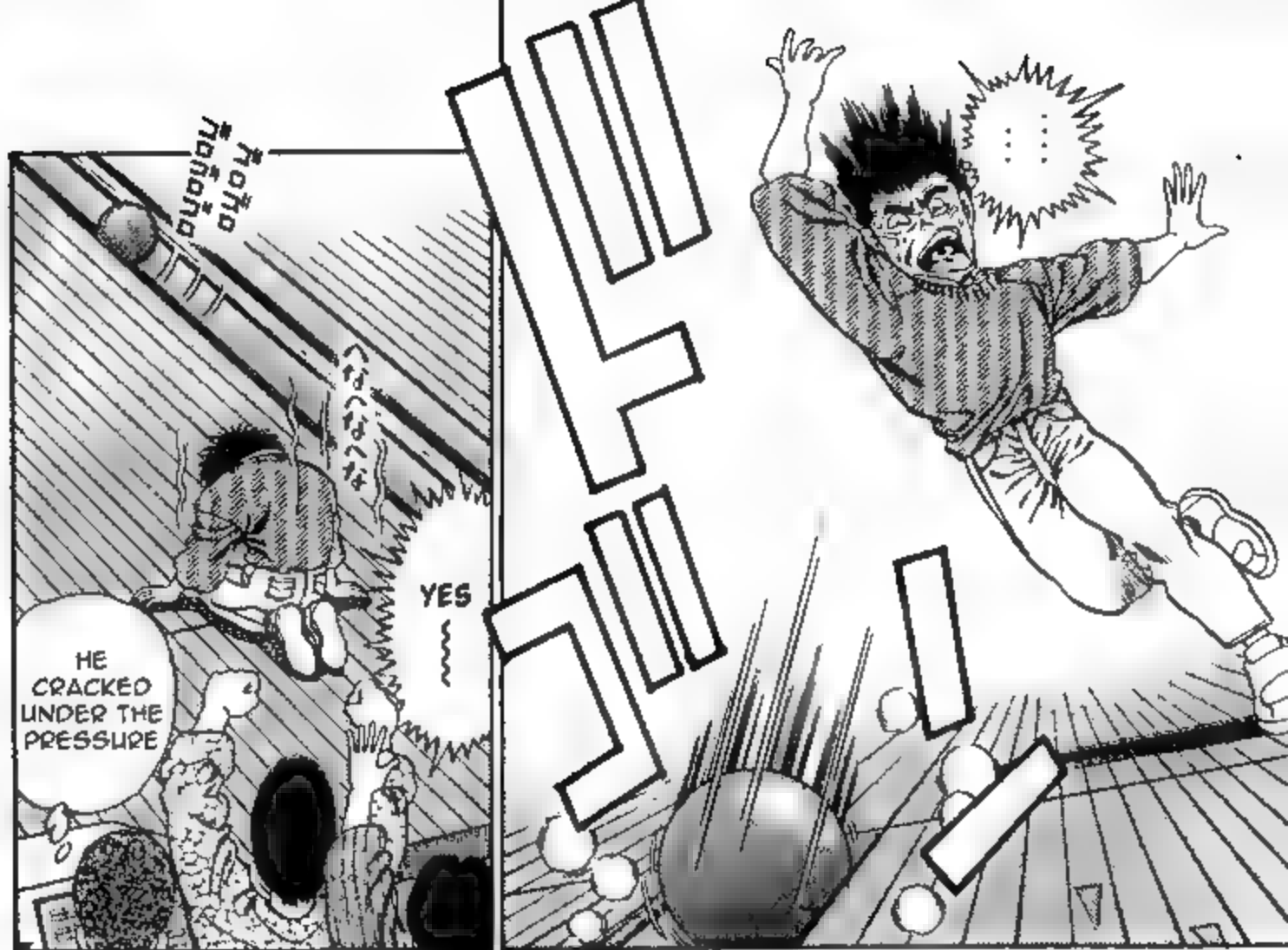
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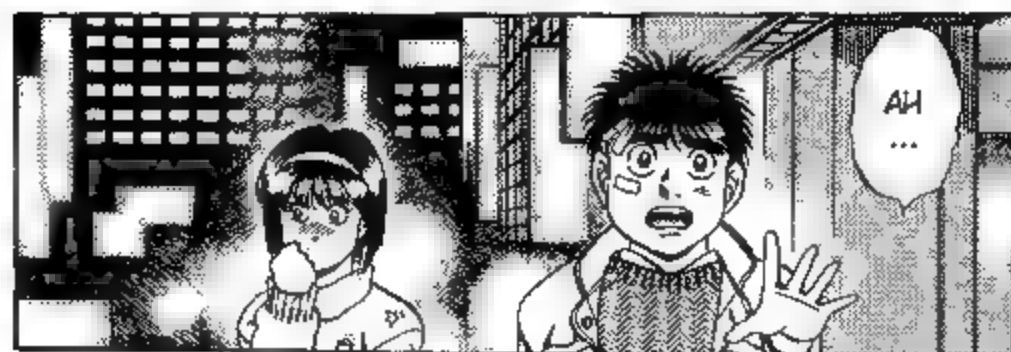


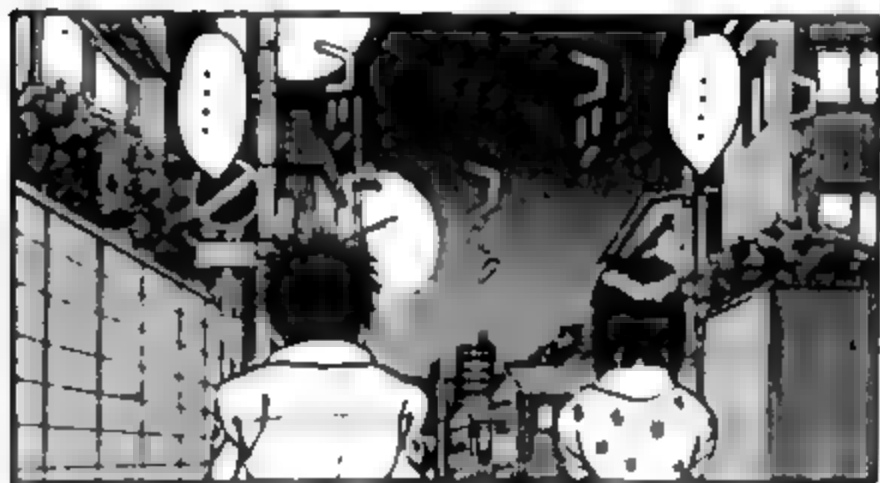
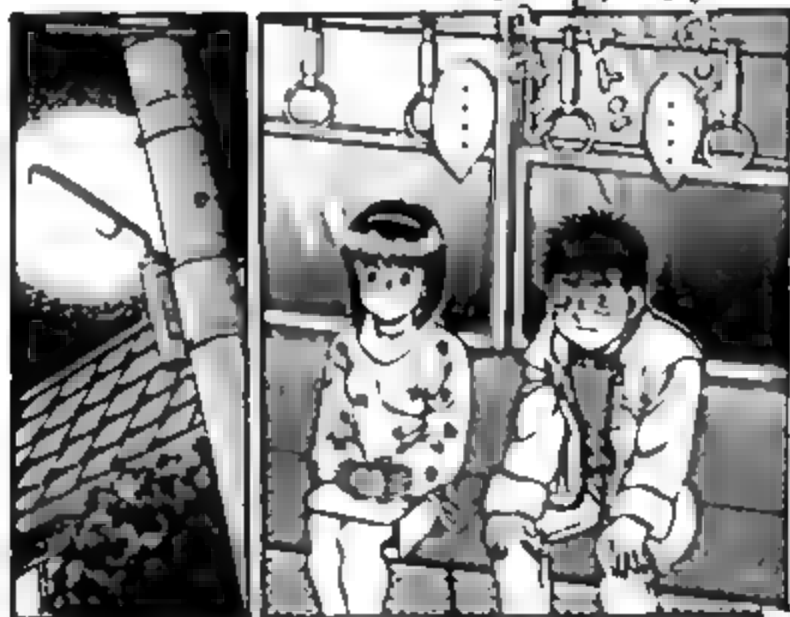
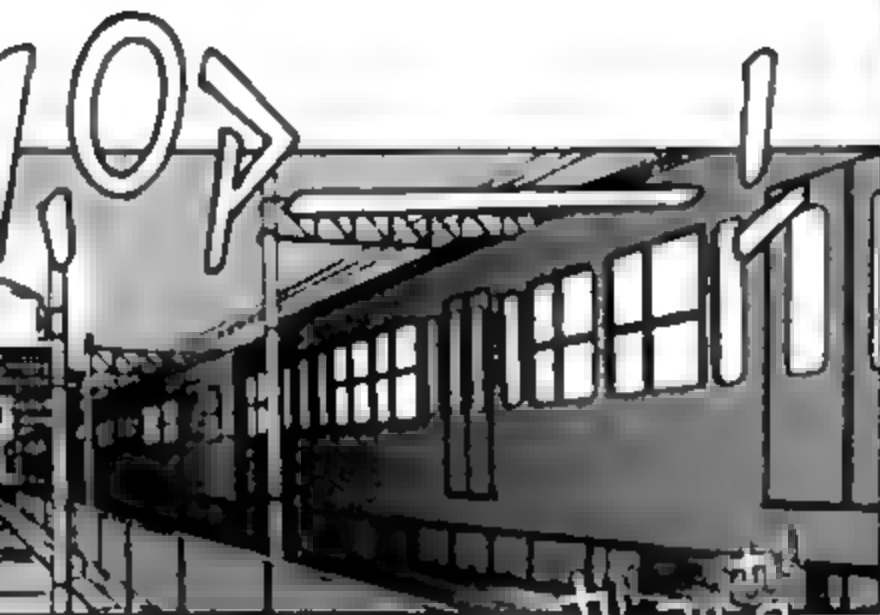


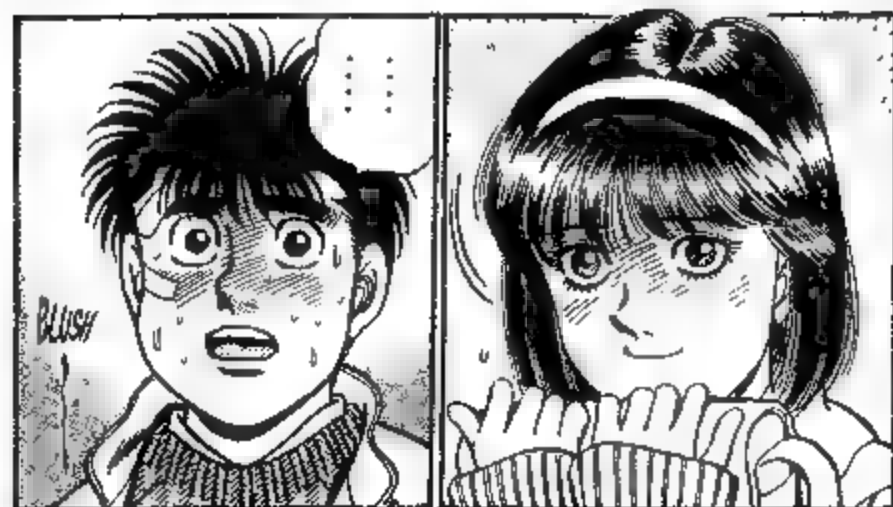
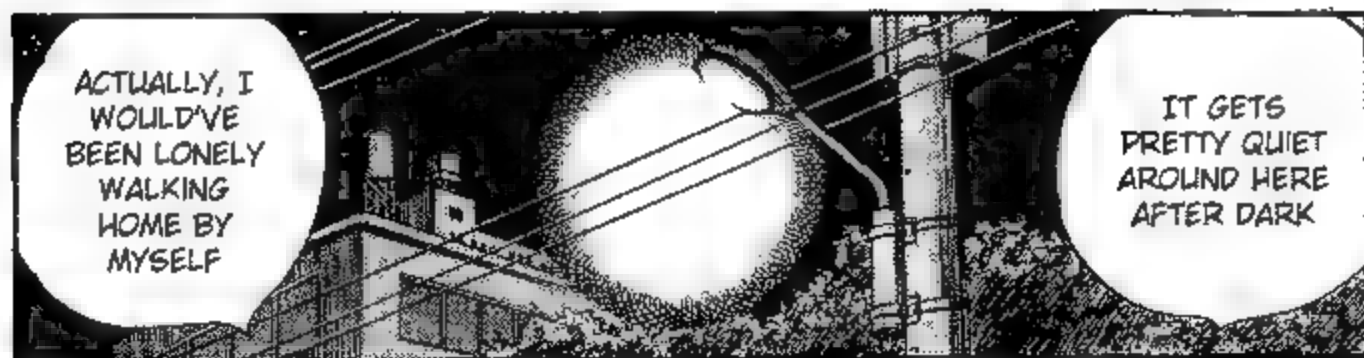




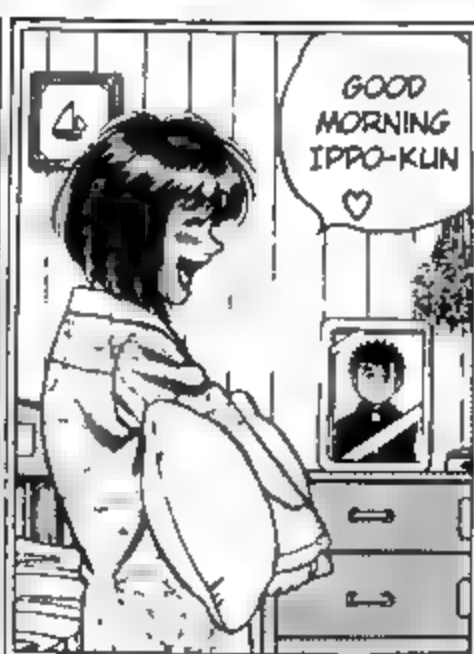
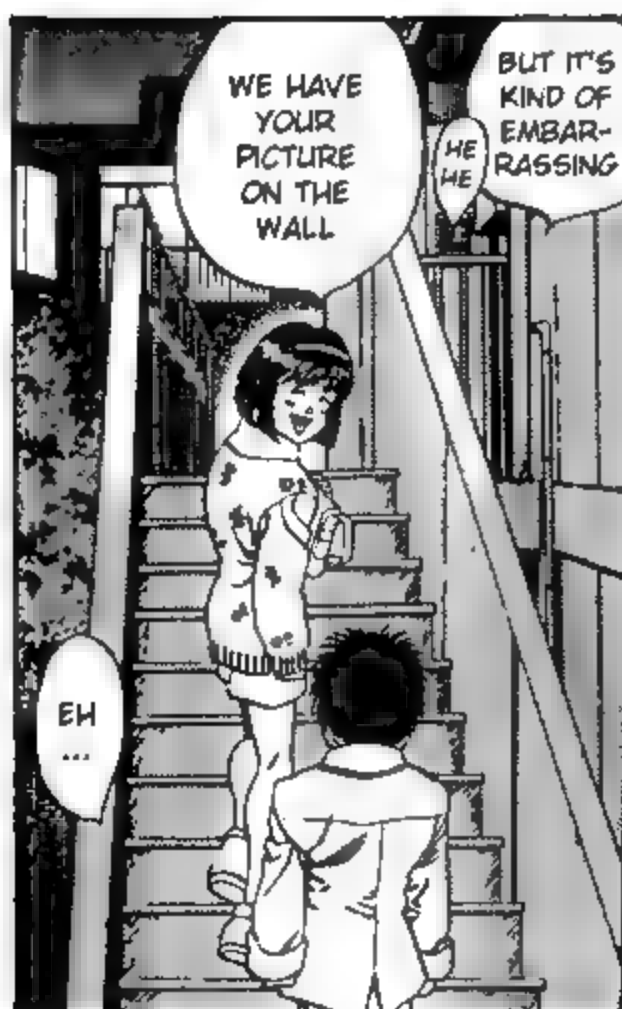


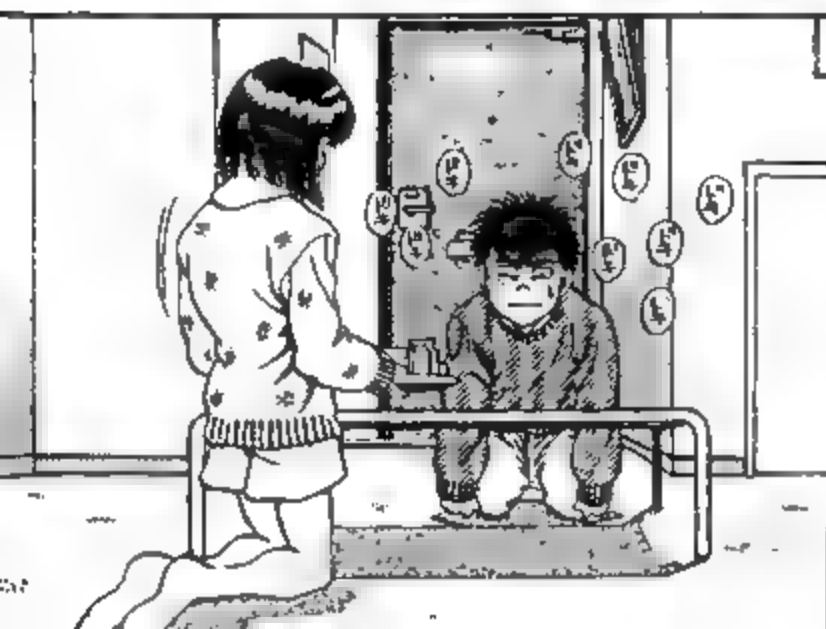
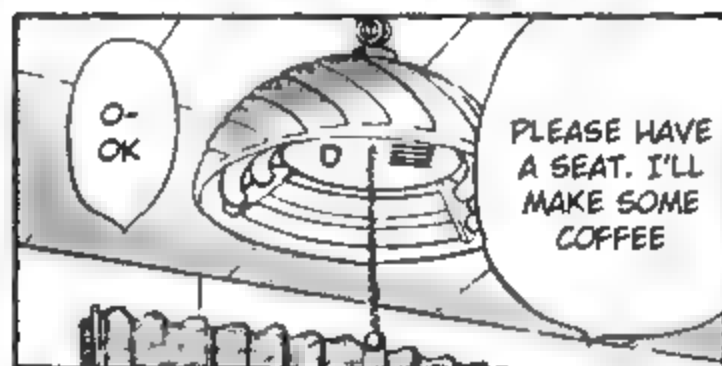




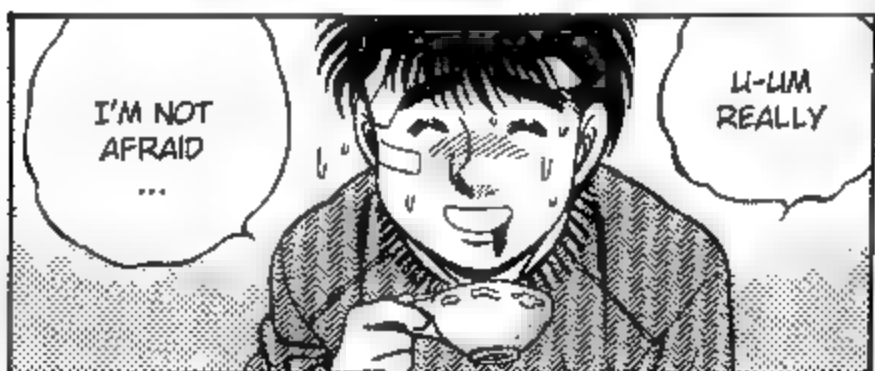




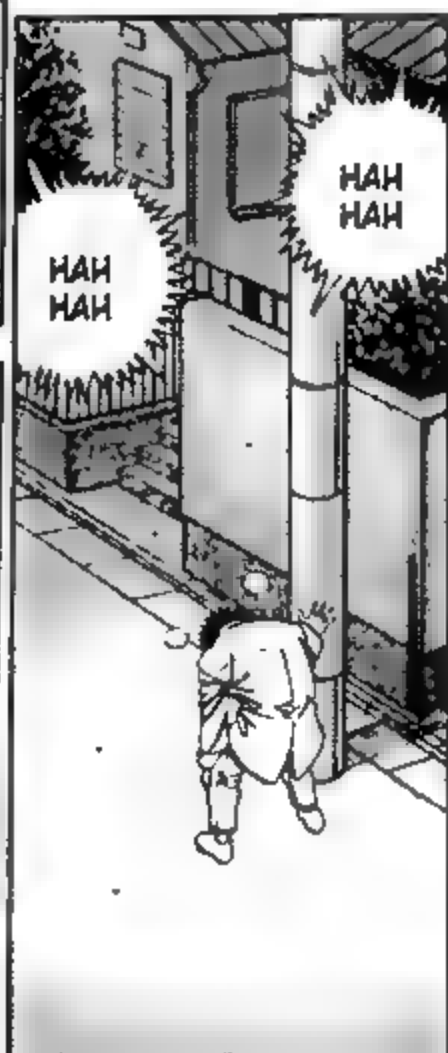




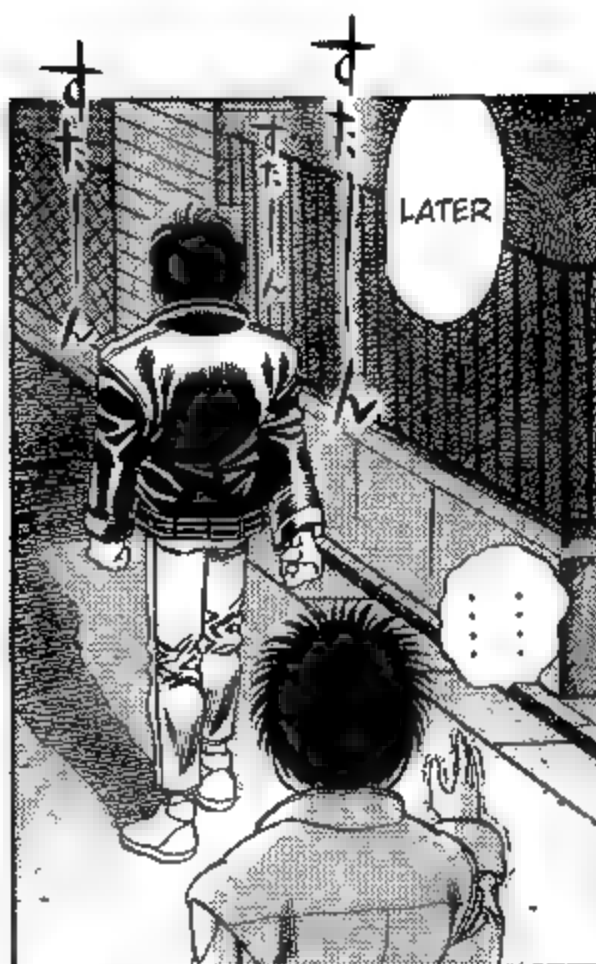










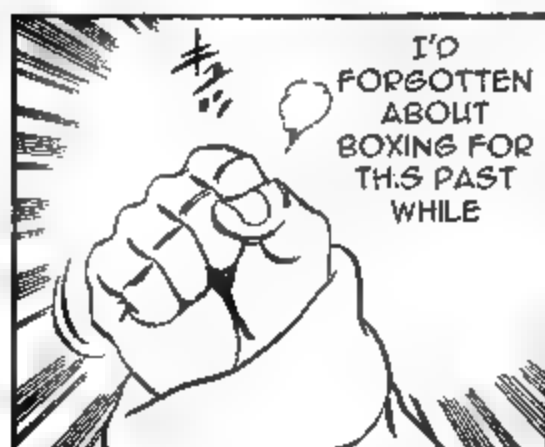


LATER



I'M JUST SAYING...
I'LL BE
THE ONE
WHO'S
GONNA
MURDER
YOU

DON'T
GET ME
WRONG

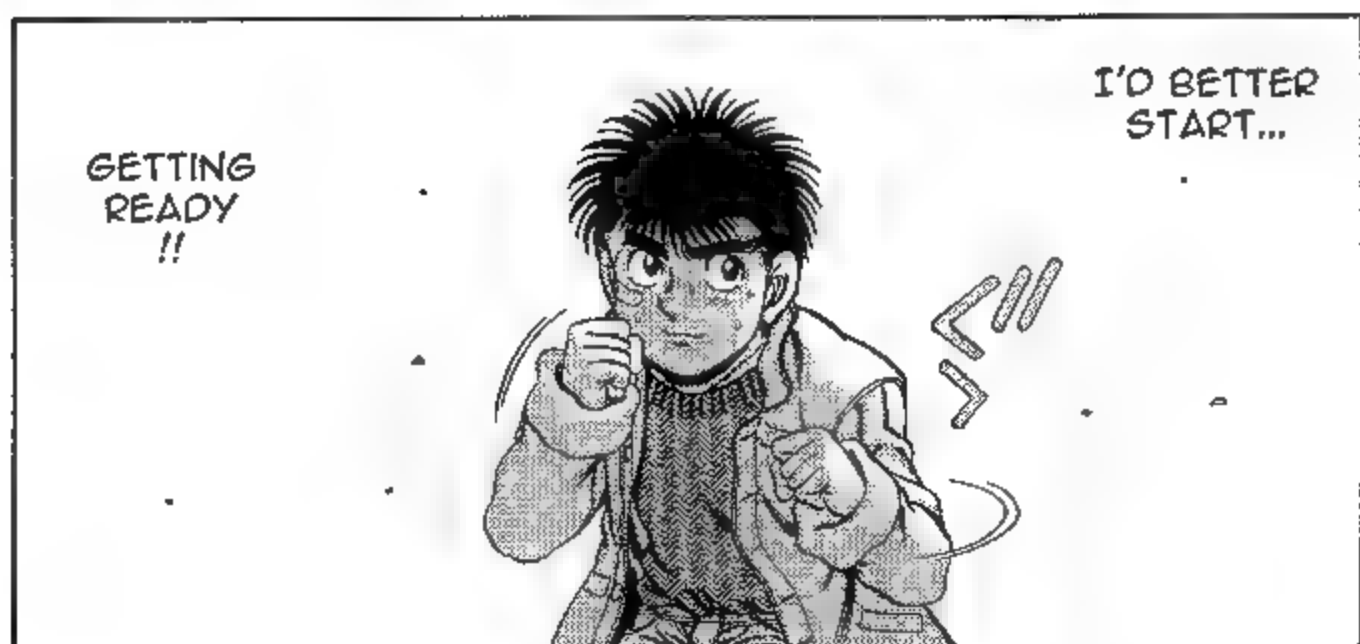


I'D
FORGOTTEN
ABOUT
BOXING FOR
THIS PAST
WHILE



I HAVE
A TITLE
MATCH
NEXT!

THAT
IS
RIGHT
...



GETTING
READY
!!

I'D BETTER
START...

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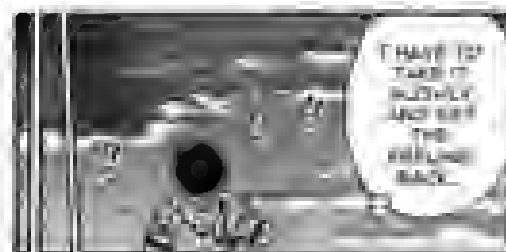
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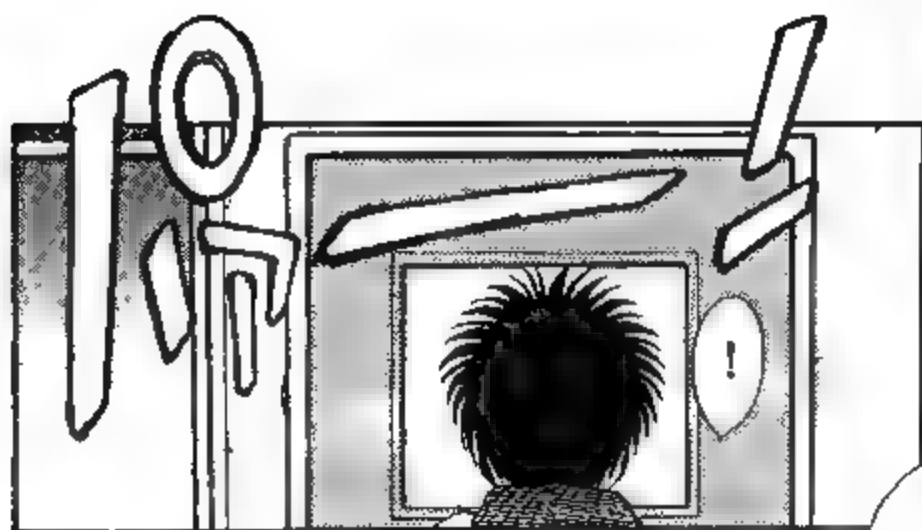
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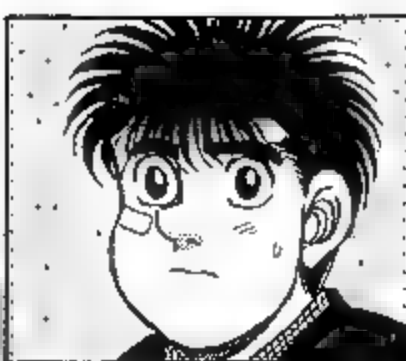








AH...
UM



MAYBE
THIS TIME
IT'S FOR
REAL...

REIKO-
SAN'S A
GREAT
PERSON



A REALLY
GOOD
THING TO
HEAR!

TH-
THAT'S



I WASN'T
EVEN
LOOKING
FOR SOME-
THING TO
BEGIN
WITH.

IT- IT
GO
WELL



DID IT
GO
WELL?

HOW
WAS IT
WITH
YOU?



HE'LL
MAKE IT
ALL GO
POOF

DON'T TELL
TAKAMURA-
SAN HE'LL
JUST LAUGH
AT ME



EH
...

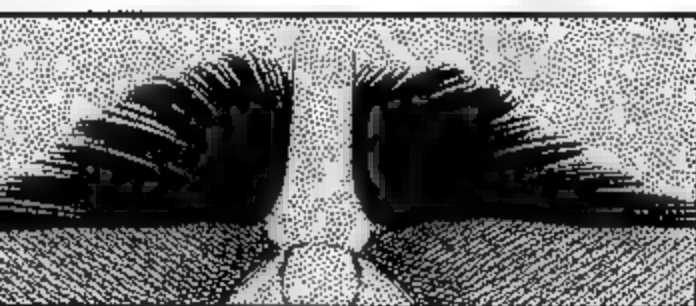
TH- THAT'S
NOT TRUE.
MASHIBA-SAN
CAME BACK



I WAS
SURPRISED
WHEN I
WENT INTO
HER HOUSE
THOUGH...



HEY
SO YOU
DID DO
SOMETHING
SWEET







THE ULTIMATE
CHALLENGER
HAS RISEN UP
FROM THE
TOURNAMENT!




THAT'S
RIGHT! THE
CHAMPION
CARNIVAL
!!



IT'S
COURTESY
FOR THE
ULTIMATE
CHAMPION TO
STAND UP TO
THE ULTIMATE
CHALLENGER




I WON'T
GIVE UP
MY BELT
TO
ANYONE
!!




HOWEVER
I CAN'T
TAKE HIM
ANYMORE

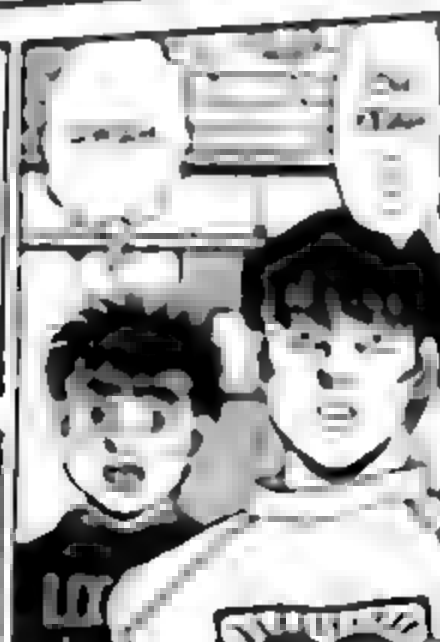
I DON'T WANT
TO FIGHT
ANYONE IN
THE CARNIVAL
BUT AN
OTHER
GUY



HE'S JOKING OFF
ALL THE TIME BUT
WHEN IT COMES TO
BOXING, THIS MAN
IS INCREDIBLE!!



I NEED TO
LEARN
FROM HIM





BRAT,
YOU'VE
BEEN LET
OUT OF
THE
HOSPITAL



FROM
TODAY I
AGAIN
REQUEST
GUIDANCE
!!

THANKS TO
THEM MY
BODY HAS
RECOVERED

LOCKEY



IT SEEMS
LIKE YOU'RE
FINALLY
FEELING LIKE
A CHAMPION

A
GOOD
LINE!

OLD
MAN!



WHAT I
WOULD LIKE
TO SAY,
BUT...

IS

YOU
SHOULD
SLOWLY
GET THE
HANG OF
THINGS
AGAIN

IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
FOR YOU
TO HAVE
RECOVERED
FROM A FIGHT
LIKE THAT



THE
MIDDLE-
CLASS AT THE
END OF
JANUARY

FEATHER-
CLASS THE
MIDDLE OF
FEBRUARY



HAVE
BEEN
SET!!

THE DATES
FOR THE
CHAMPION
CARNIVAL
THAT WILL
OPEN
THE YEAR

THE BRAT WILL
RISE TO THE
RING AS THE
ULTIMATE
CHALLENGER
!!

TAKAMURA
WILL TAKE ON
THE NUMBER 1
RANKED
ULTIMATE
CHALLENGER



BRAT
!!



HMPH ...



DON'T GIVE
UP THE
BELT EVEN
IF YOU
MESS UP
!!

TAKAMURA!!
IT'S BEEN A
WHILE BUT
THIS ONE'S
VERY
STRONG!!

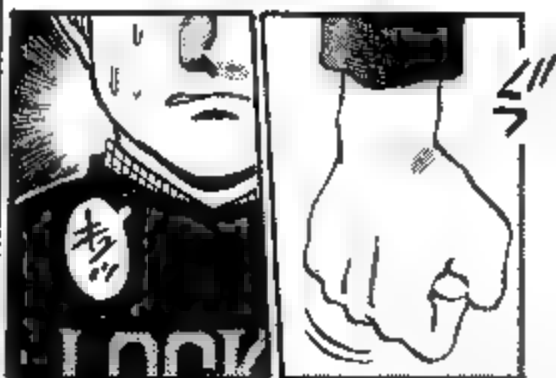
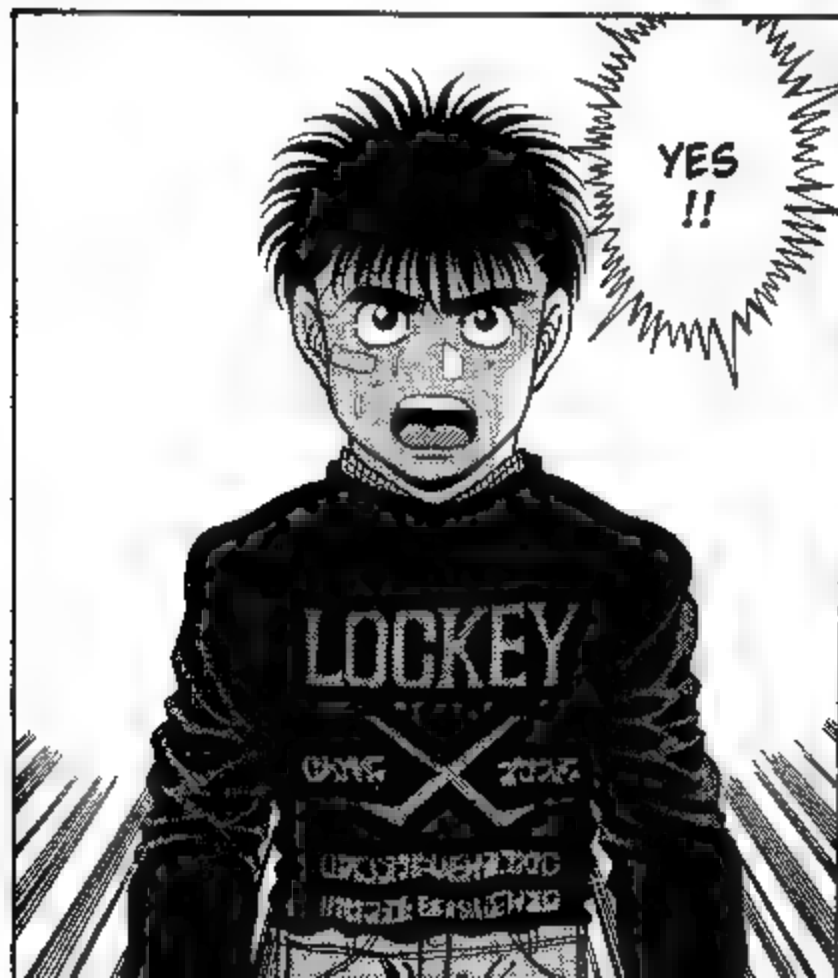


Y-
YES

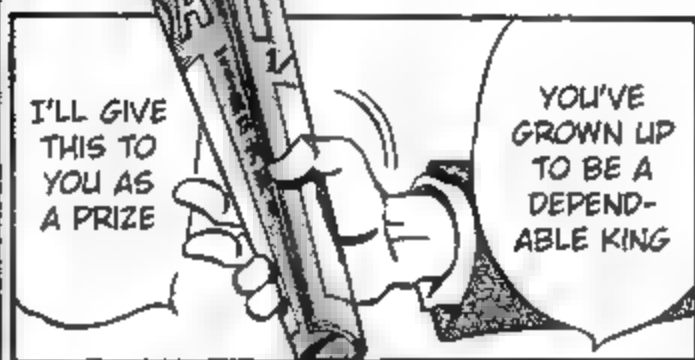


AH
HH
HH
?

WHO THE
HELL YOU
SAYING
IT TO







YOU'VE
GROWN UP
ALRIGHT
PERVERT
KING!!



JAPANESE
MIDDLE-
WEIGHT
CHAMPION
MISSES A
LATE-NIGHT
UPPERCUT



Japanese Middleweight
Champion Takamura
Mamoru-san (age 23)
suffers a brutal KO
defeat at the entrance
to a love hotel!!



I'M GONNA
RIP YOUR
SPINE OUT

IS YOUR
BRAIN
ROTTING
??

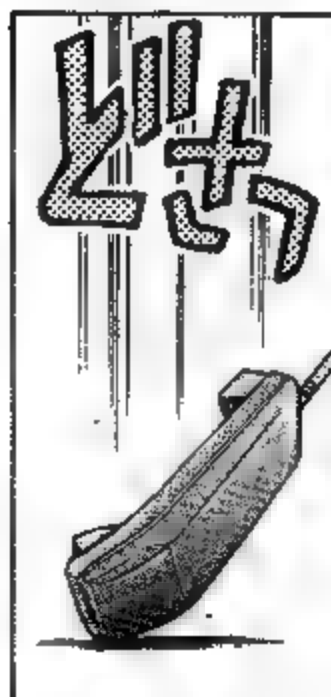
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
"ANY-
WAYS"
!!



ANY-
WAYS
...







* TAKAMURA ADDRESSES
HIMSELF AS "ORE", WHICH
IS KIND OF COMMON, BUT
FOR AOKI IT PROBABLY
EASILY REMINDS HIM
OF TAKAMURA



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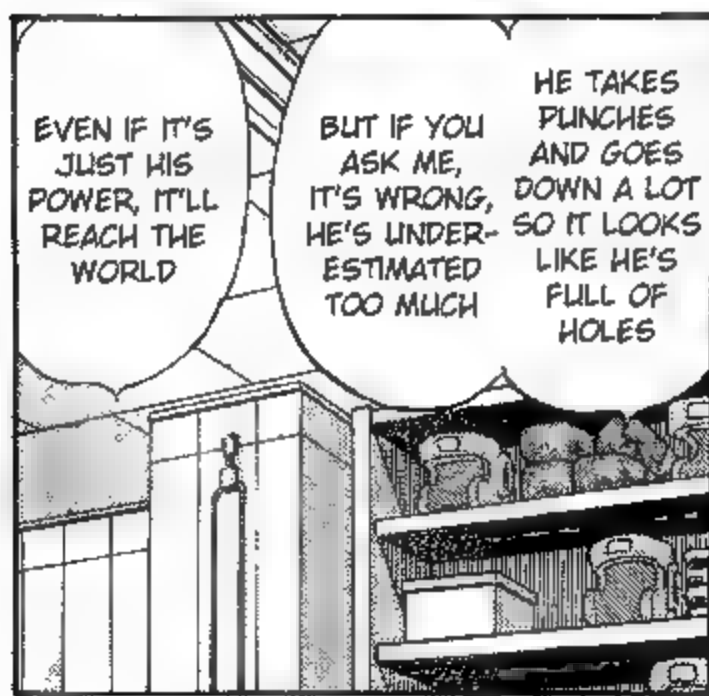




HE'S PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT MAKI-NOUCHI'S POWER ...

HIS OPPONENTS ARE PRETTY BIG

DATE-SAN'S SPARRING



EVEN IF IT'S JUST HIS POWER, IT'LL REACH THE WORLD

BUT IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S WRONG, HE'S UNDERESTIMATED TOO MUCH

HE TAKES PUNCHES AND GOES DOWN A LOT SO IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S FULL OF HOLES



HE'S NOT GOING TO UNDERESTIMATE HIM

DATE'S PLACING HIGH MARKS ON MAKI-NOUCHI



THIS IS A PRETTY HIGH POWERED JAPANESE CHAMPION CLASS

HE BEAT THE AMATEUR WORLD CHAMPION



DATE IS GREATER

... BUT



I TOO PLACE HIGH MARKS ON MAKI-NOUCHI

I BELIEVE HE IS A DANGEROUS OPPONENT



NO... IT'S NOT BECAUSE I LOST TO HIM

HMM



HE'S A
GENIUS



HE'S
FROM A
DIFFERENT
"CUT-OUT"

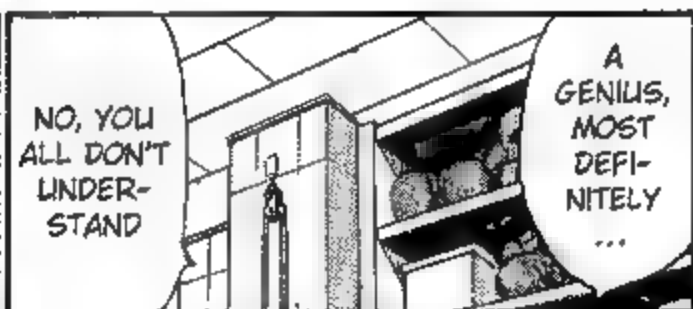
BUT I
THOUGHT
THE SAME
WHEN I
FIRST MET
HIM

I UNDER-
STAND IT'S
NOT A
WORD YOU
CAN USE
LIGHTLY



NEITHER HE
NOR I FELT
WE WOULD
LOSE TO
ANYONE

WHEN WE
CONFIRMED THE
WORLD TITLE
MATCH, WE
FELT THE BELT
WAS OURS



NO, YOU
ALL DON'T UNDER-
STAND

A
GENIUS,
MOST
DEFI-
NITELY
...



A STORY
SIX
YEARS
AGO

THE STORY
OF HIM
BEFORE HE
GREW A
BEARD



WHEN HE
CHAL-
LENGED
THE
WORLD



HE CAN'T
WIN IN
AGE

ARE YOU
SURPRISED?
COMPARED
TO THEN

29
YEARS...
HE'S ONE
OF THE
ELDERS
...



HOW-
EVER



IT'S
EASY
TO BE
AMAZED

A BOXER'S
PEAK IS
FAR TOO
SHORT



HE'S
HONESTLY
TRYING TO
REGAIN HIS
PEAK

LATELY I'VE
SLOWLY BEEN
SEEING HIM
DOUBLING AS
HE WAS SIX
YEARS AGO



IF HE
REGAINED
...

THEN
|



IF HE
REGAINED
HIS FORM
...

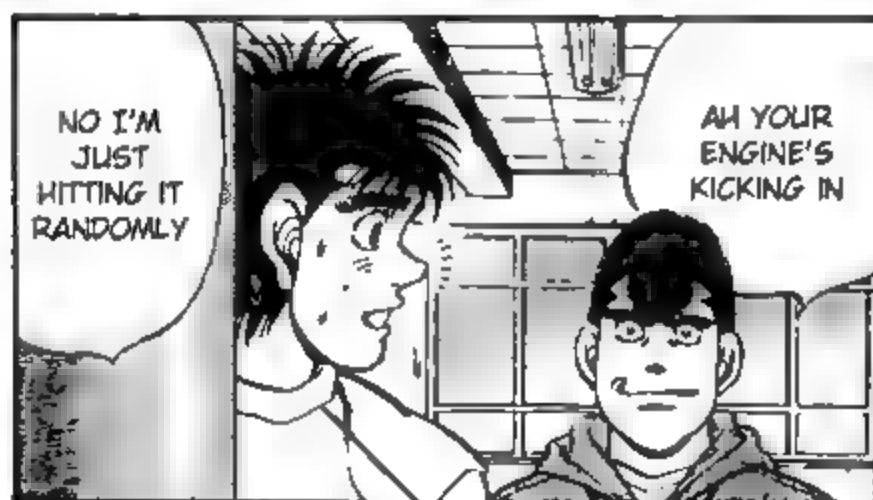
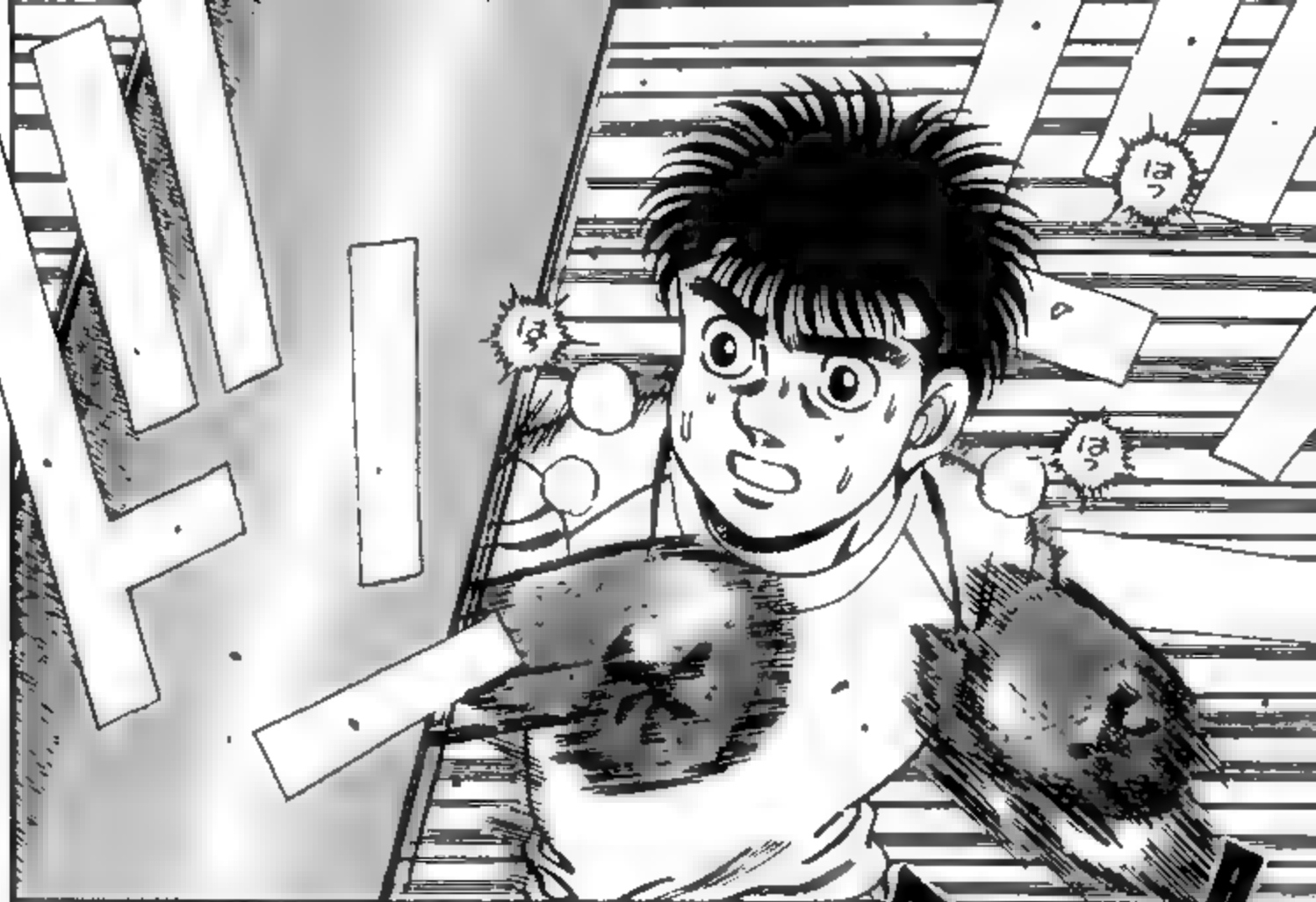
YEAH



THAT THIS
SCENE OF
HIM BEATING
UP PEOPLE
TWO
CLASSES
HIGHER IS
NOT HIS
TRUE FORM

IT'S
REALLY
HARD TO
BELIEVE









W-
WINTER



Japanese Featherweight Title Match
Eiji Date takes the title in his 6th professional match



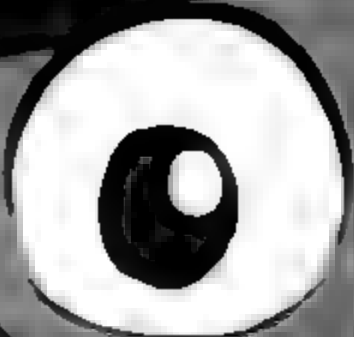
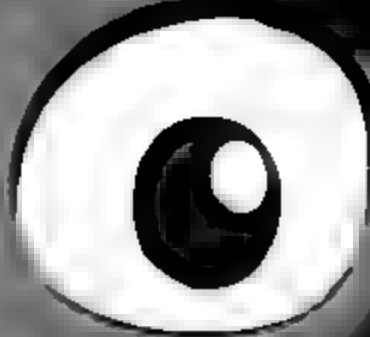
Fall of a Prodigy

World Feather Class Title

Date City Destroyed in 2 rounds



The WBA World Featherweight Champion, Frankie Martin (Mexican, 56.8 Kilo) against the Big One (50.5 Kilo) fought the first of his world title fights in Mexico City on February 1968. The match ended after just 2 rounds. It was a victory with a final victory in the Champion. The victory was taken after the second round as he showed attack the mat his dreams of world do



World Feather-Class Title
Date Eiji destroyed in 2 rounds





AND THE
BOXER
DATE EIJI
NEVER GOT
BACK INTO
THE RING

AFTER
THAT,
ROUGHLY
FOUR
YEARS

IT MUST
HAVE
BEEN A
SHOCK



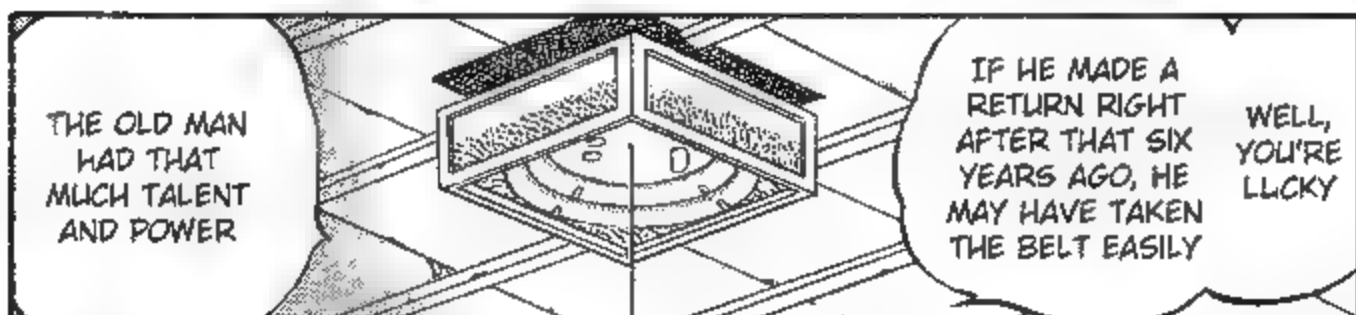
HN
?

FOUND
ANYTHING?



TH- THE WAY
I SEE IT,
DATE-SAN IS A
MONSTER TOO
BUT HE WAS
KO'D IN TWO
ROUNDS...

N- NO I
WAS TOO
STUNNED



THE OLD MAN
HAD THAT
MUCH TALENT
AND POWER

IF HE MADE A
RETURN RIGHT
AFTER THAT SIX
YEARS AGO, HE
MAY HAVE TAKEN
THE BELT EASILY

WELL,
YOU'RE
LUCKY

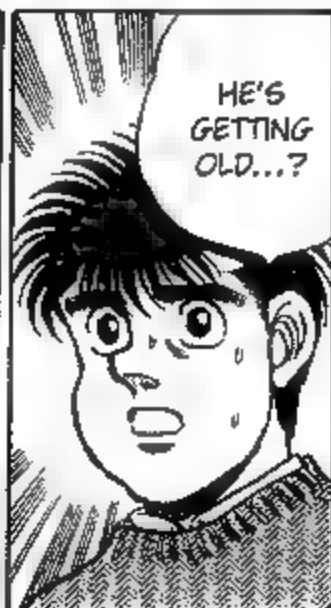


IS THAT
SO...?



HE
CAN'T
WIN
WITH
AGE

HE'S
ALREADY
29 YEARS
OLD



HE'S
GETTING
OLD...?



I THINK
THAT IS
WHY HE IS
SO SCARY



BUT THAT
MAN HAS
COME
BACK

NOONE
KNOWS
WHAT HE DID
IN THESE
FOUR YEARS

TAKING AIM
ONCE AGAIN
AT THE TOP
OF THE
WORLD



IT'S LIKE
STANDING
AT THE
EDGE OF
A CLIFF

EVEN ONE
LOSS
CANNOT
BE
FORGIVEN

THERE'S
NO WAY
AROUND
ANYTHING

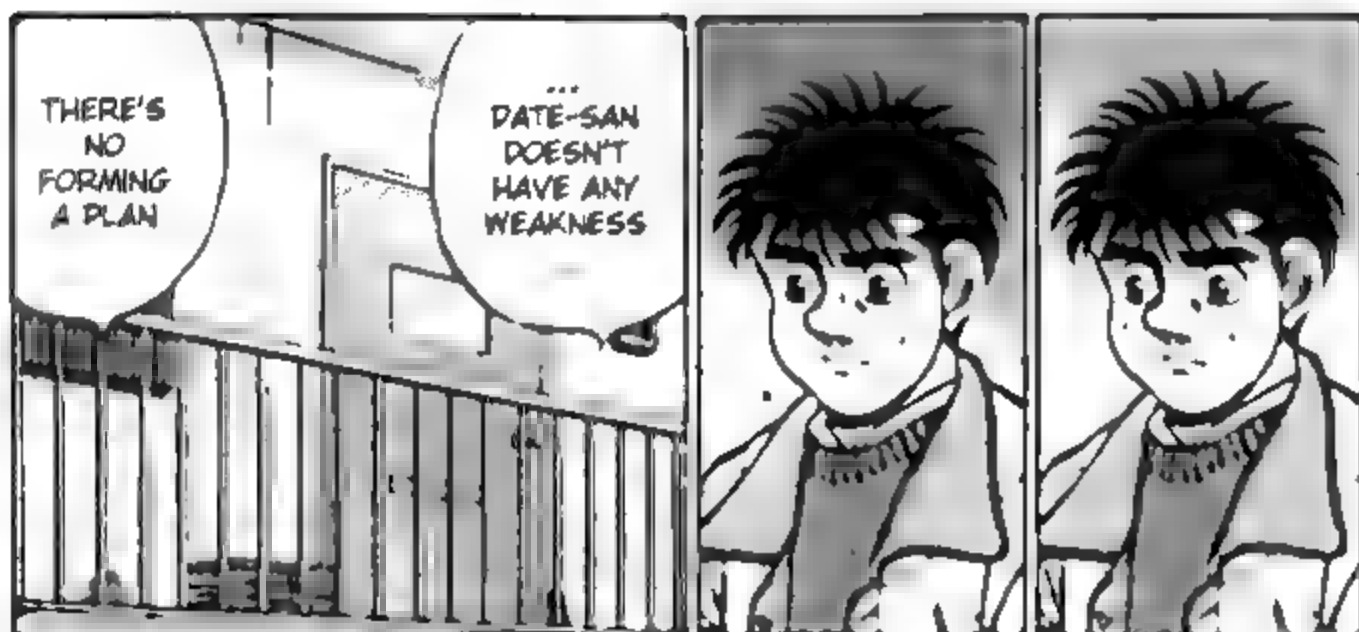
29 YEARS
IS MOST
DEFINITELY
PAST A
BOXER'S
PEAK



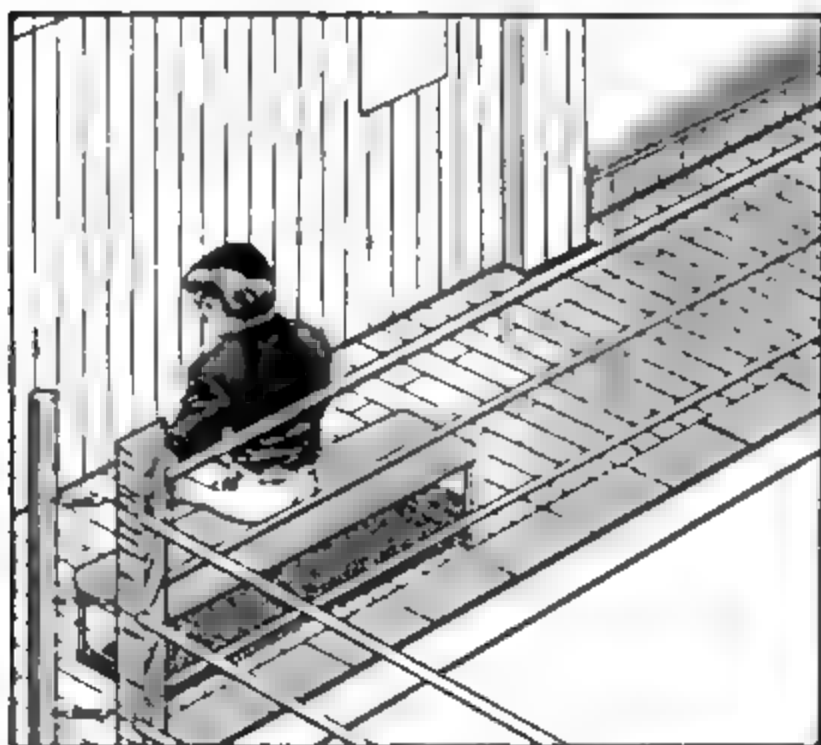
THAT
IS WHY
...

A MAN LIKE
THAT IS
DESPERATELY
FIGHTING TO
DEFEND THE
BELT









AHH

AH



STILL
HERE?
THE
GYM'S
CLOSING



IT'S HARD
TO LOSE
WEIGHT AT
THIS TIME
BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
SWEAT



IT'S
COLD
THIS
YEAR



BUT
WHEN WE
ARRIVED
IT WAS
LIKE
SUMMER

WE LEFT
A WINTRY
JAPAN



WELL
IT'S NO
PROBLEM
IF YOU
WORK AS
MUCH AS
YOU DO



はじめての一步



はじめての THE FIGHTING! 本

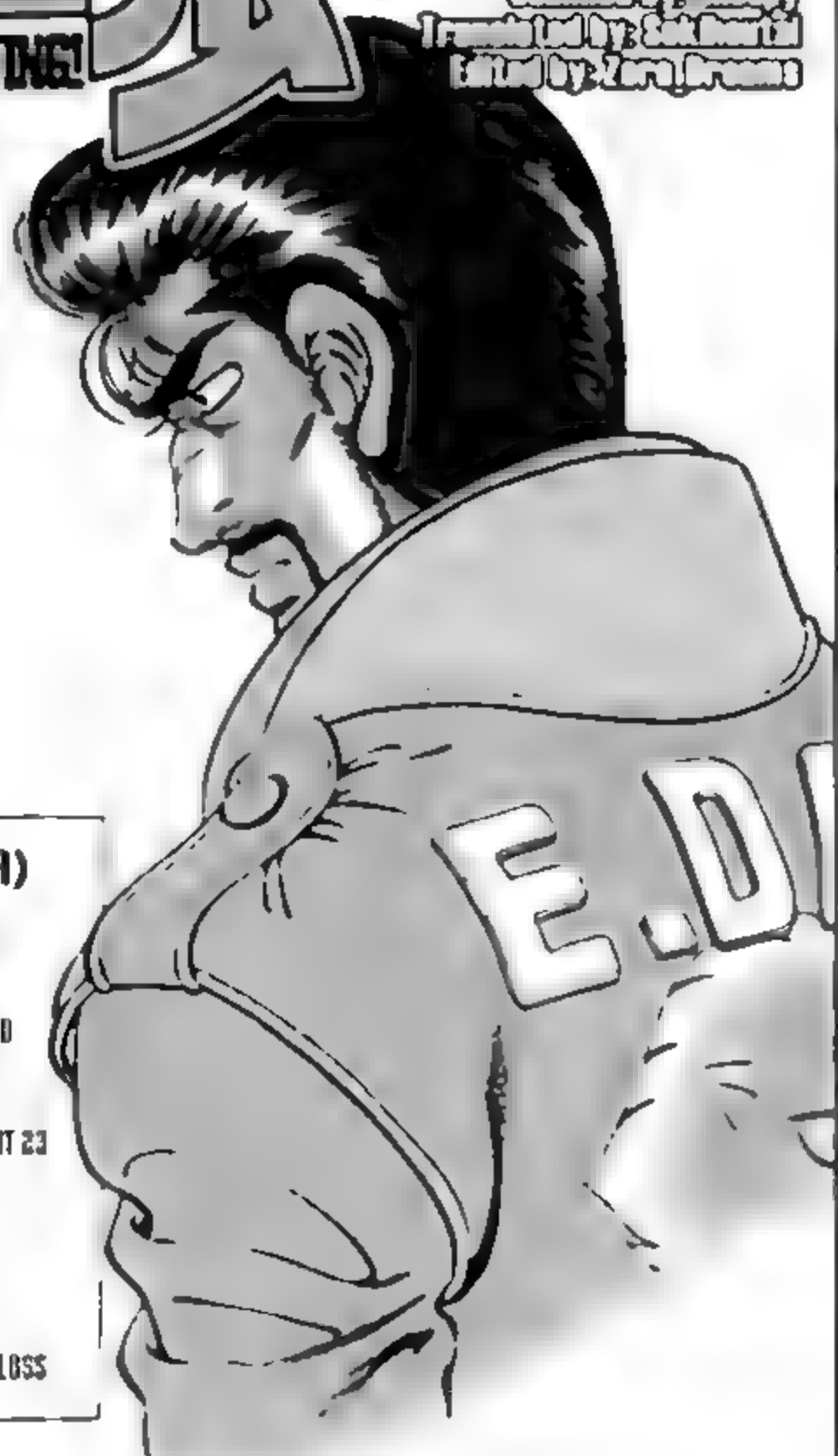
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DATE EIJI (29)

RIGHT HOKER FIGHTER
PRO DEBUT AT 19
IN HIS 6TH FIGHT, JAPAN
FEATHER CLASS TITLE CLIMBED
AFTER FOUR DEFENSES, OPBE
ON HIS 11TH FIGHT
WINS FOR TITLE 14TH FIGHT, AT 23
CHALLENGES THE WORLD
FAILS - RETIRES
RETURNS AT 26. REGAINS
TITLE AFTER TWO FIGHTS
CURRENTLY THREE DEFENSES
20 FIGHTS 19 WINS 15 NOS 1 LOSS

Round 175 | **The Nightmare in Mexico**



I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO SAY

THE
REMINDER
ON THIS
NOSE



I JUST
CAN'T BRING
MYSELF TO
LEAVE THE
HOUSE
RIGHT NOW

... LET
ME THINK
ABOUT IT
A LITTLE
MORE

ABOUT
THE
CAMP
...

UM, IT'S
KINDA
TOUGH TO
CHANGE
THE
SUBJECT
NOW, BUT

NO
MATTER
WHAT, I
THINK
BACK TO
THAT TIME



IS
AIKO-SAN
HEALTHY
?

I
SEE



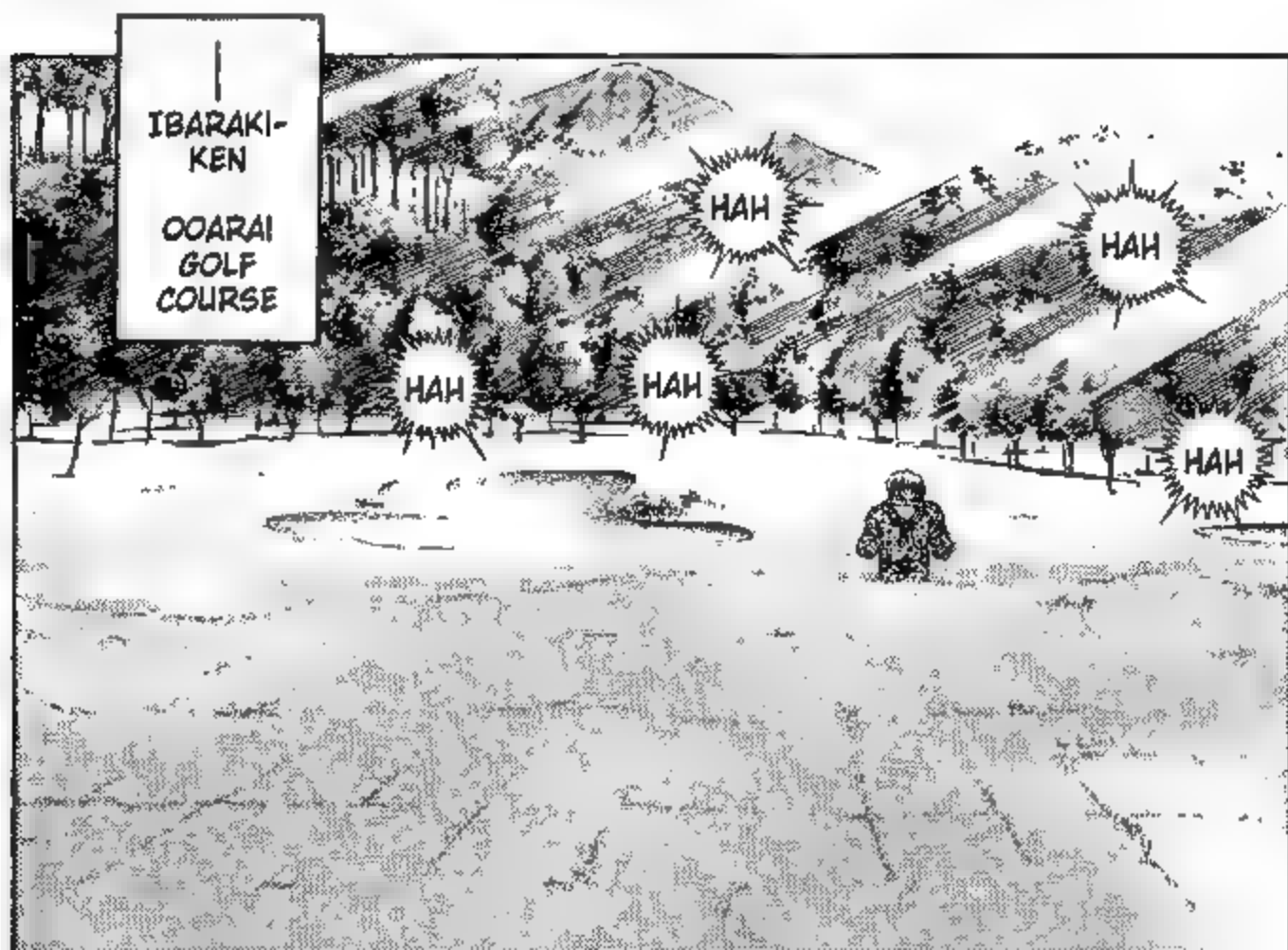
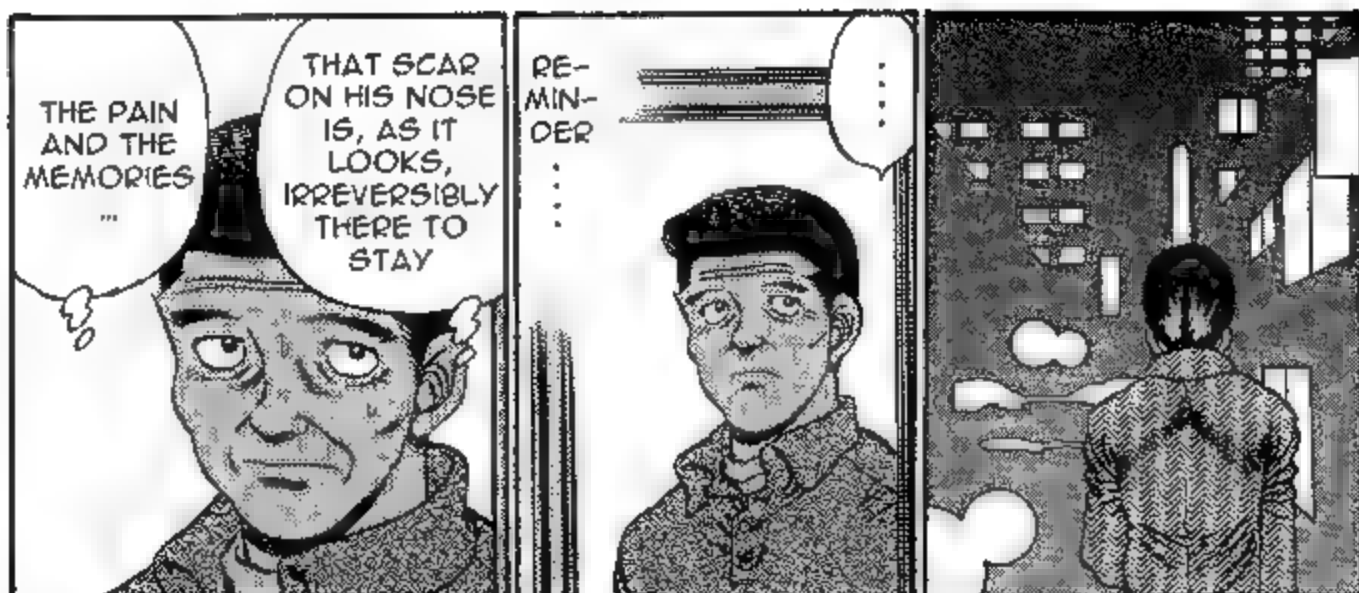
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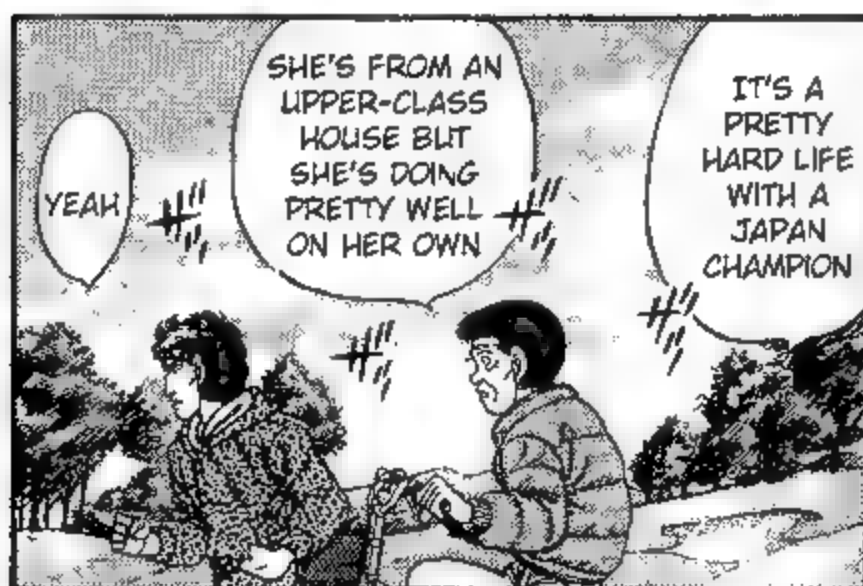
YOU
SHOULD
COME
OVER
SOME
TIME

YUJI'S
GROWN,
TOO

YEAH

THAT DAY
THAT I
LOST
EVERYTHING
...







THE
NEWBORN
CHILD WILL
BE ABLE TO
STAND TALL

IF YOU TAKE
THE WORLD,
AIKO-SAN
CAN REST A
BIT MORE
EASILY, TOO



I'VE PUT
A B.G
BURDEN
ON HER



ANSWER
HER

SHE
BELIEVES
IN YOU



NOW
EVERYONE
WILL
ACKNOWLEDGE
ME, THE
WORLD AND
HER AND THE
PARENT'S

IT WASN'T
A STUPID
MARRIAGE

... YEAH,
HE CAN
STAND
TALL!

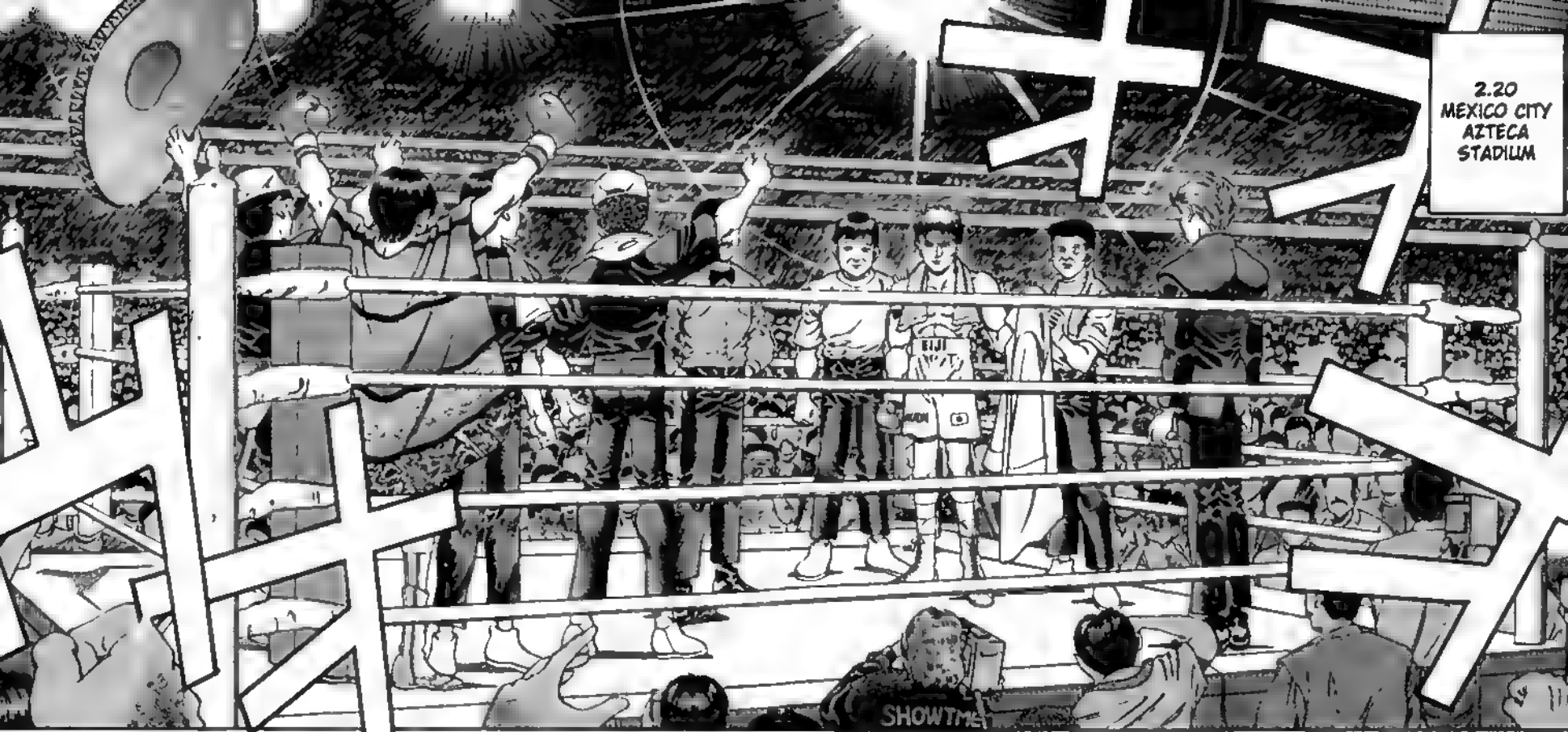


I'LL GET THAT
CHAMPIONSHIP
NO MATTER
WHAT!!

OLD MAN
I'M GONNA
DO IT!



2.20
MEXICO CITY
AZTECA
STADIUM



HE CAN
BRING OUT
ALL OF HIS
STRENGTH
LIKE THIS

HE'S
COMPLETELY
CALM



THIS
GUY'S
REALLY
SOME-
THING

BUT SHE
SAID COME
HOME
SAFELY, WIN
OR LOSE...

I EXPECTED
TO HEAR,
"WIN IT NO
MATTER
WHAT"

I CALLED
AIKO AT
THE
AIRPORT
BEFORE
WE LEFT

...
HMM



CALM DOWN,
OLD MAN!
YOU'RE BEING
TAKEN IN
BY THE
ENVIRONMENT

IT
SHOULD
BE A
50-50
MENTALLY



THERE'S
DEFI-
NITELY
PRES-
SURE

HEHEH, BUT
ON THE OTHER
HAND IT'S THE
FIRST TITLE
DEFENSE FOR
THE OPPONENT
AT HOME

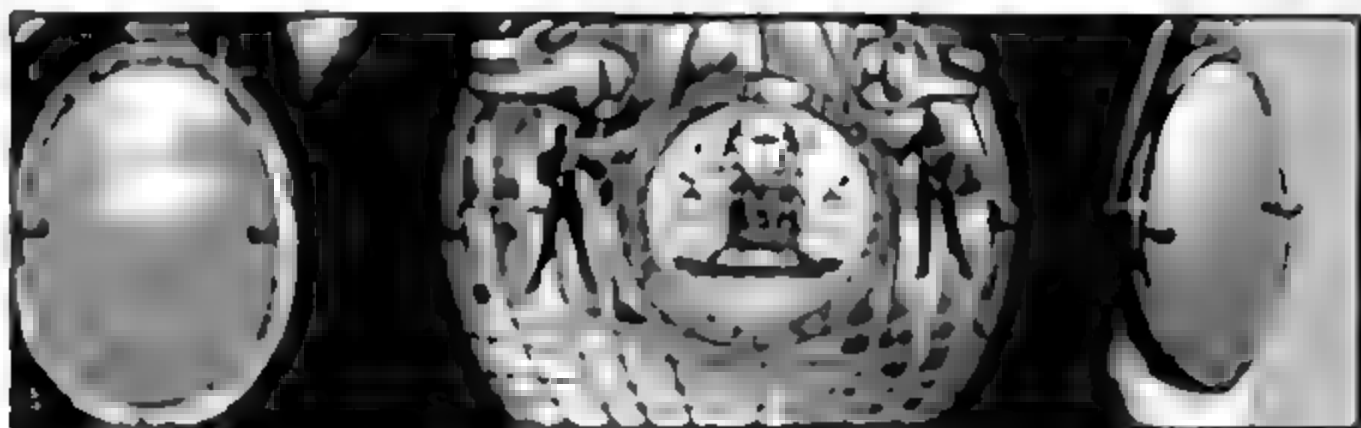
WE WON'T
LOSE!
WE WON'T
LOSE,
RIGHT,
DATE!



THE WEIGH-IN
WAS FINE,
YOUR BODY
IS IN GOOD
CONDITION.
THERE'RE NO
PHYSICAL
PROBLEMS

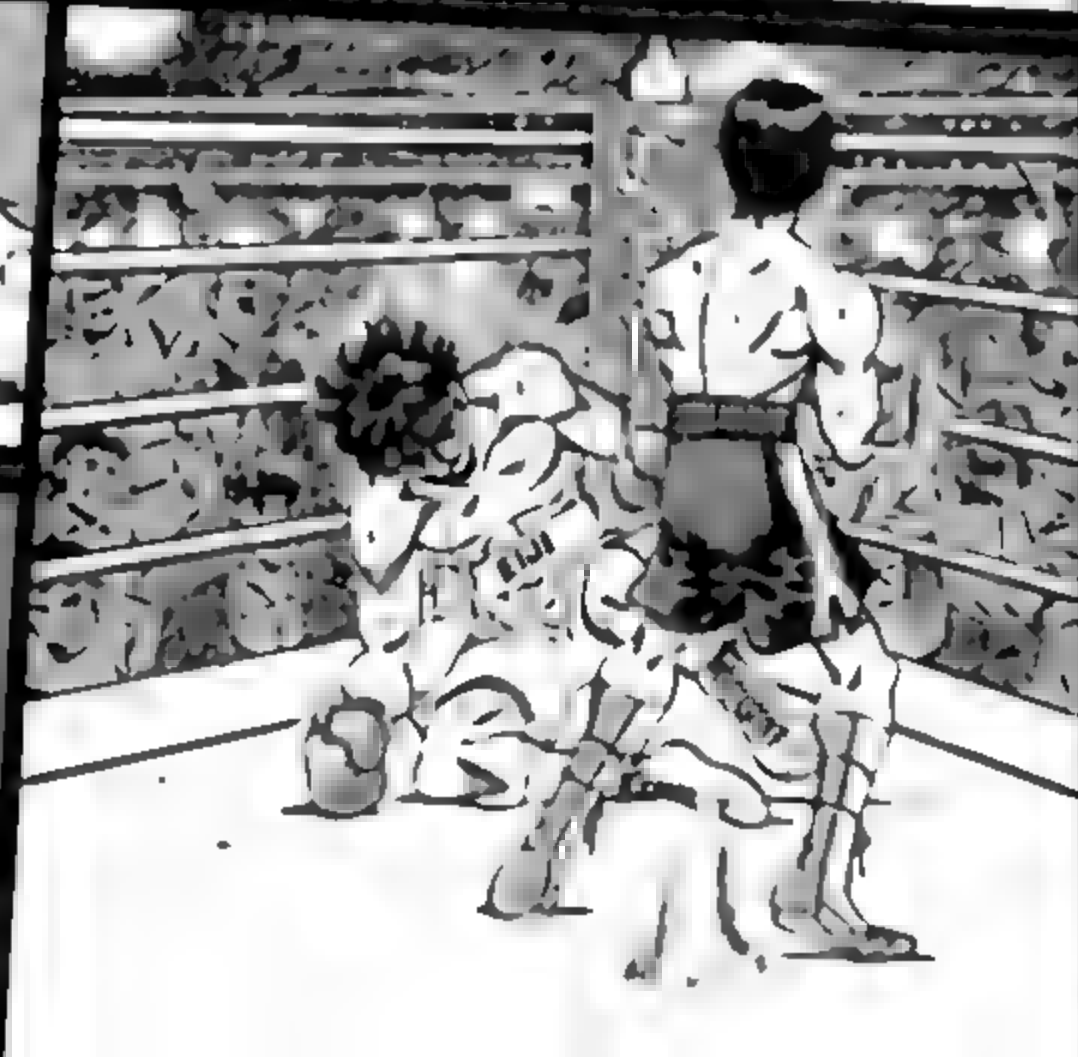
THAT'S A HUGE
CROWD, IT'S
LIKE BEING
SURROUNDED
BY THE ENEMY

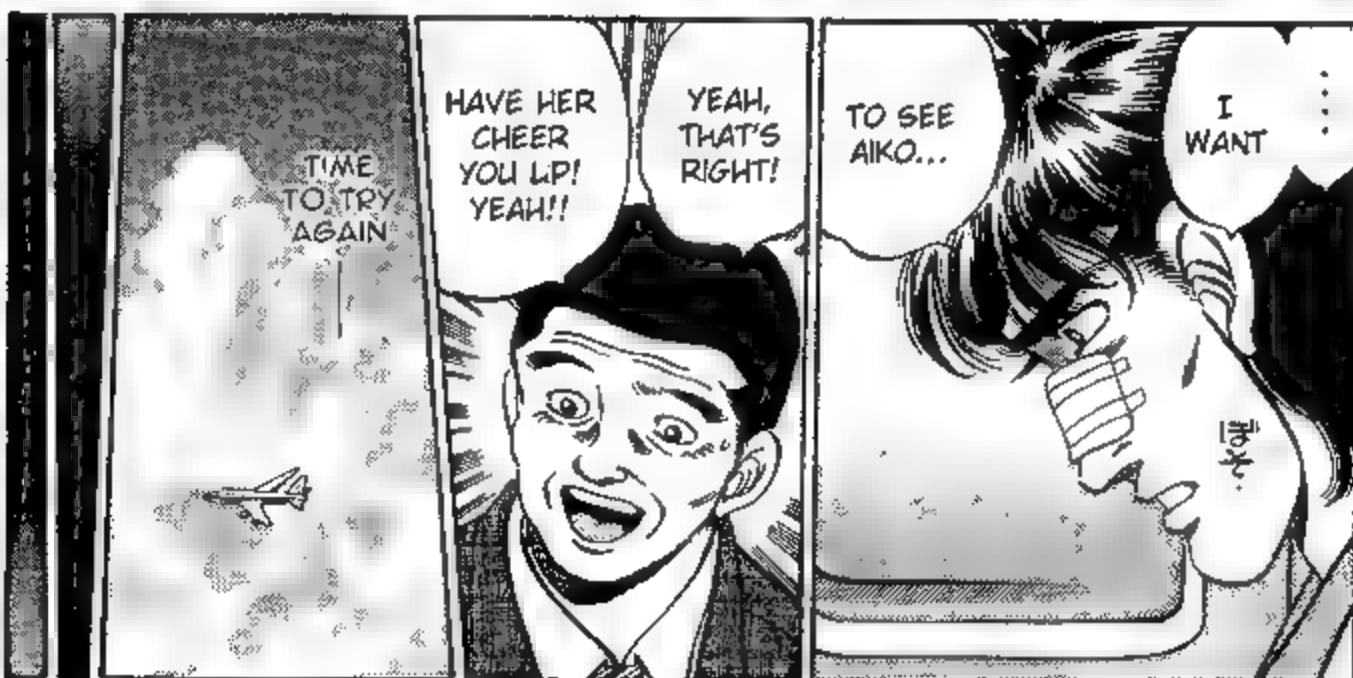
















SHE
...

IF IT WAS
THIS BAD, WE
WOULD HAVE
FLOWN BACK
EVEN IF IT
MEANT CAN-
CELENG THE
FIGHT

WH- WHY
WEREN'T WE
CONTACTED
!?

SHE
WANTED US
NOT TO
CALL...

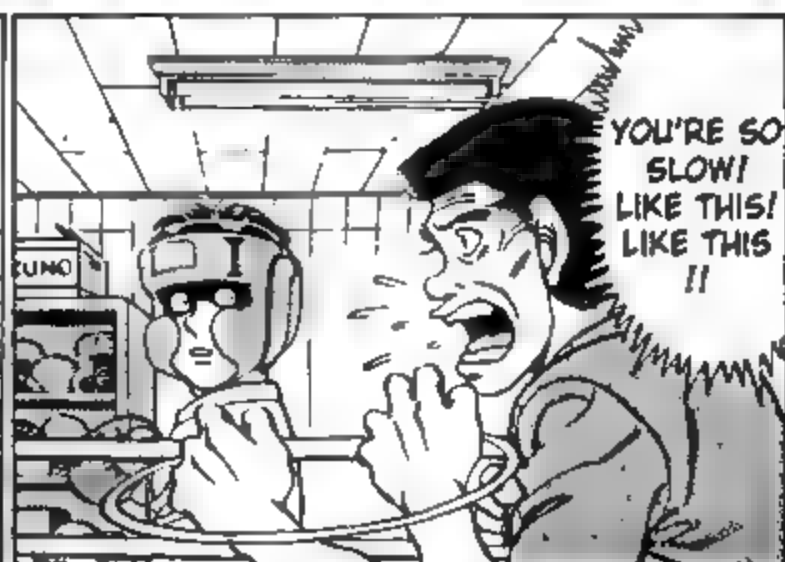


DA-
DATE
...



キイ...









ALRIGHT,
I'LL
READ
YOU A
PICTURE
BOOK
THEN

HAHAH,
CAN'T
HELP IT
NOW

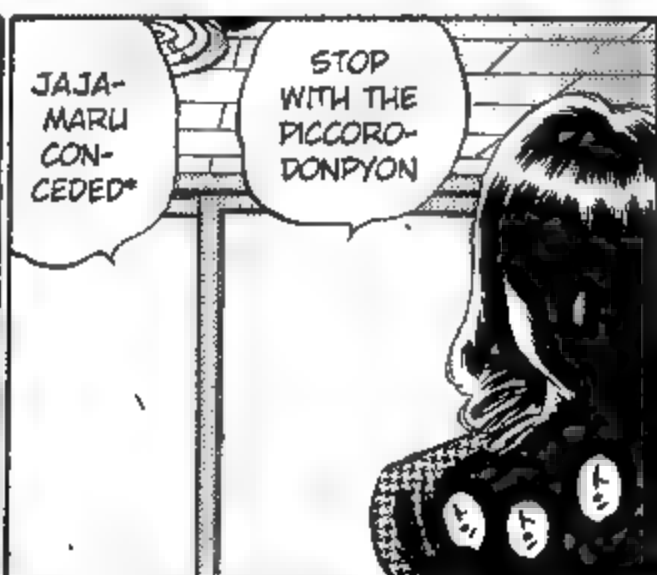
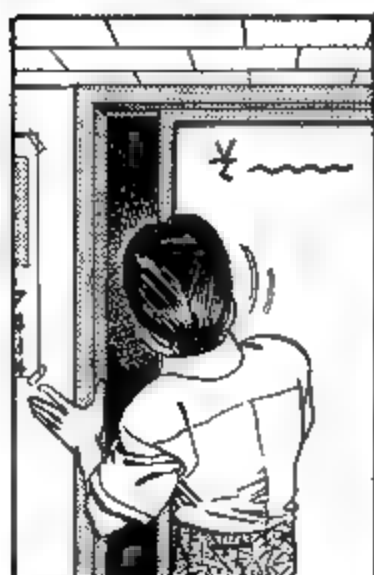


HE TRIED TO
STAY AWAKE
UNTIL PAPA
CAME HOME

OH YUJI
YOU WERE
STILL AWAKE



PAPA



JAJA-
MARU
CON-
CEDED*

STOP
WITH THE
PICCORO-
DONPYON

* PART OF THE STORYBOOK



HEARD IT'S
THE FIRST
LAUNCHING
SINCE OUR
COMPANY
STARTED

APPAR-
ENTLY
IT'S BEEN
CONFIRMED

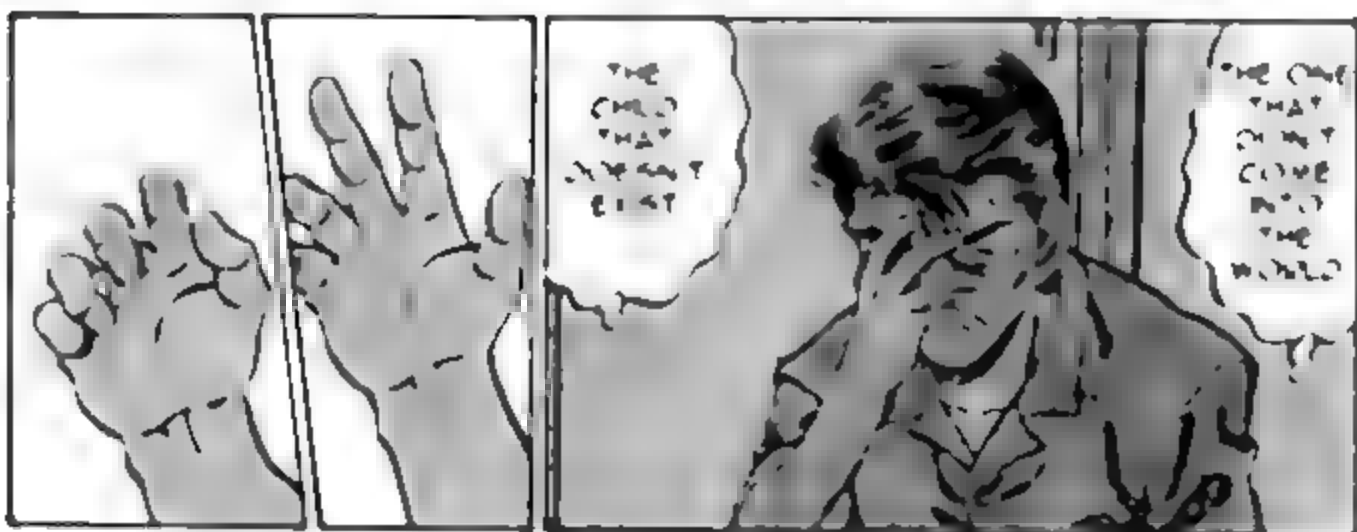
AIKO,
IT'S
ABOUT
WORK



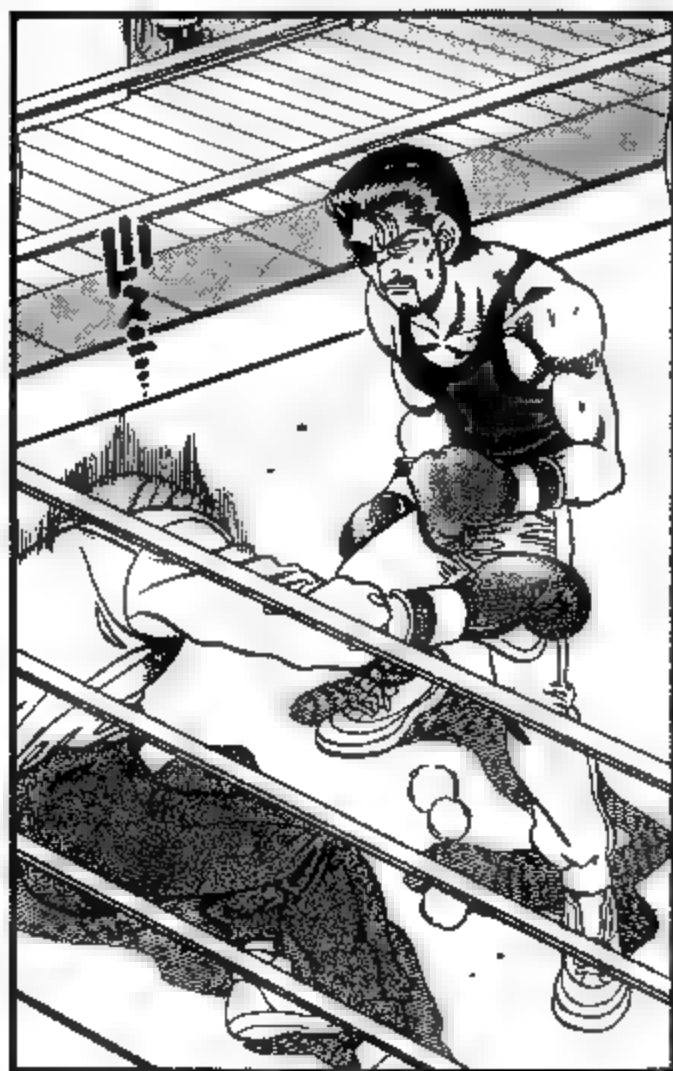
THANK
YOU

HE
FINALLY
SLEPT





はじめての一步



はじめての**いっぽ**一歩

THE FIGHTING!

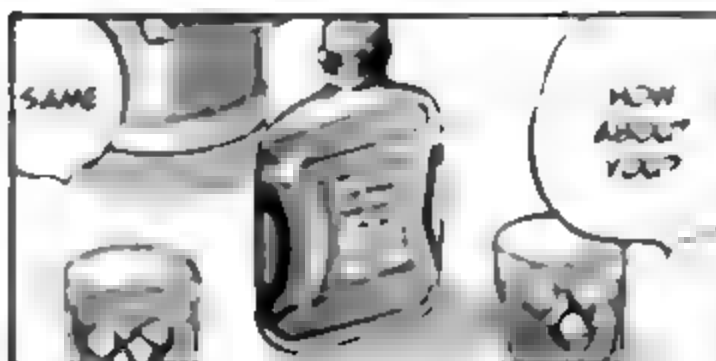
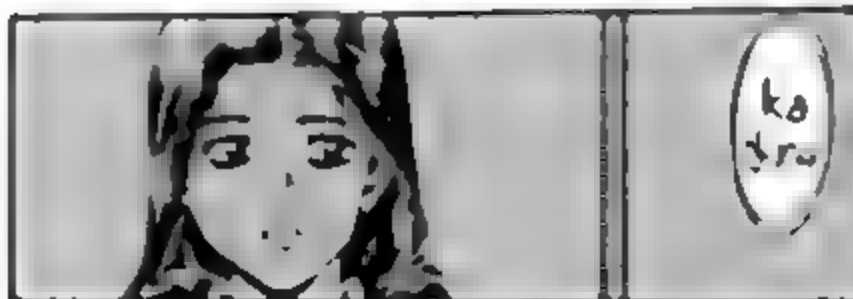
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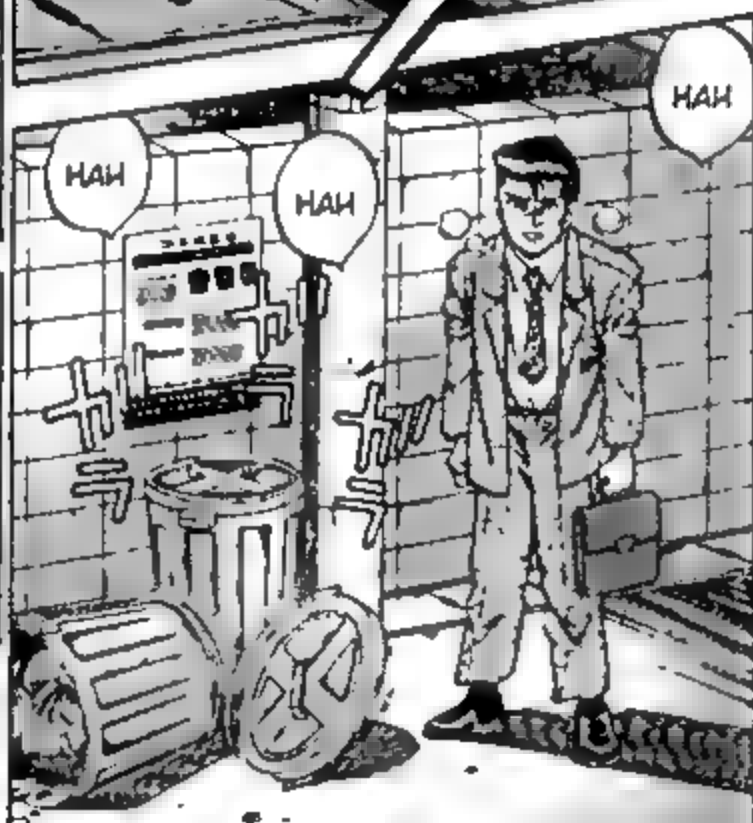
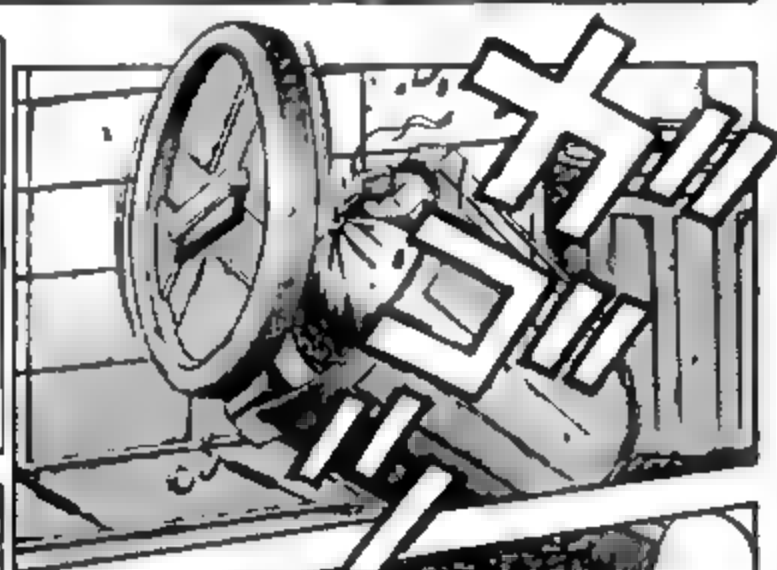
Round 176 For me to be me

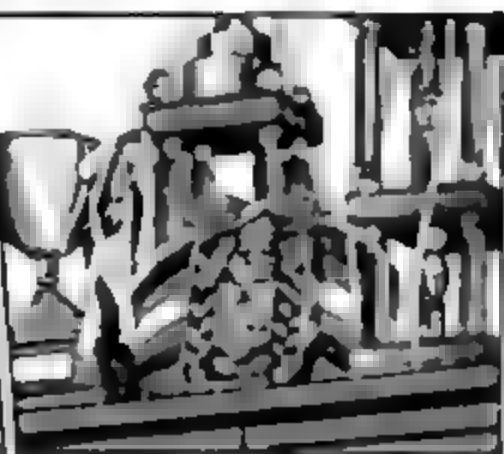


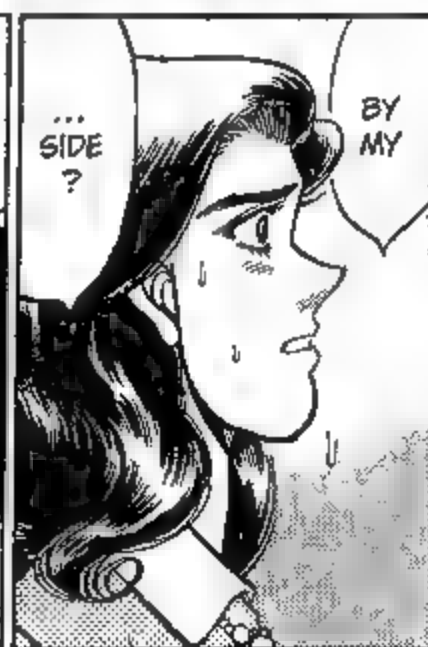
















BUT YOU CAN NEVER FORGET



IF IT CONTINUES LIKE THIS

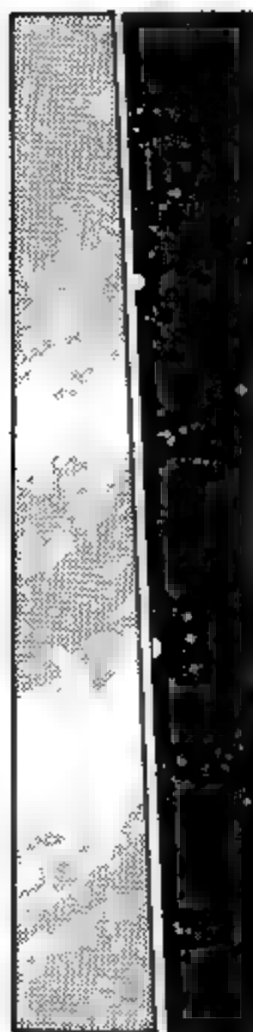


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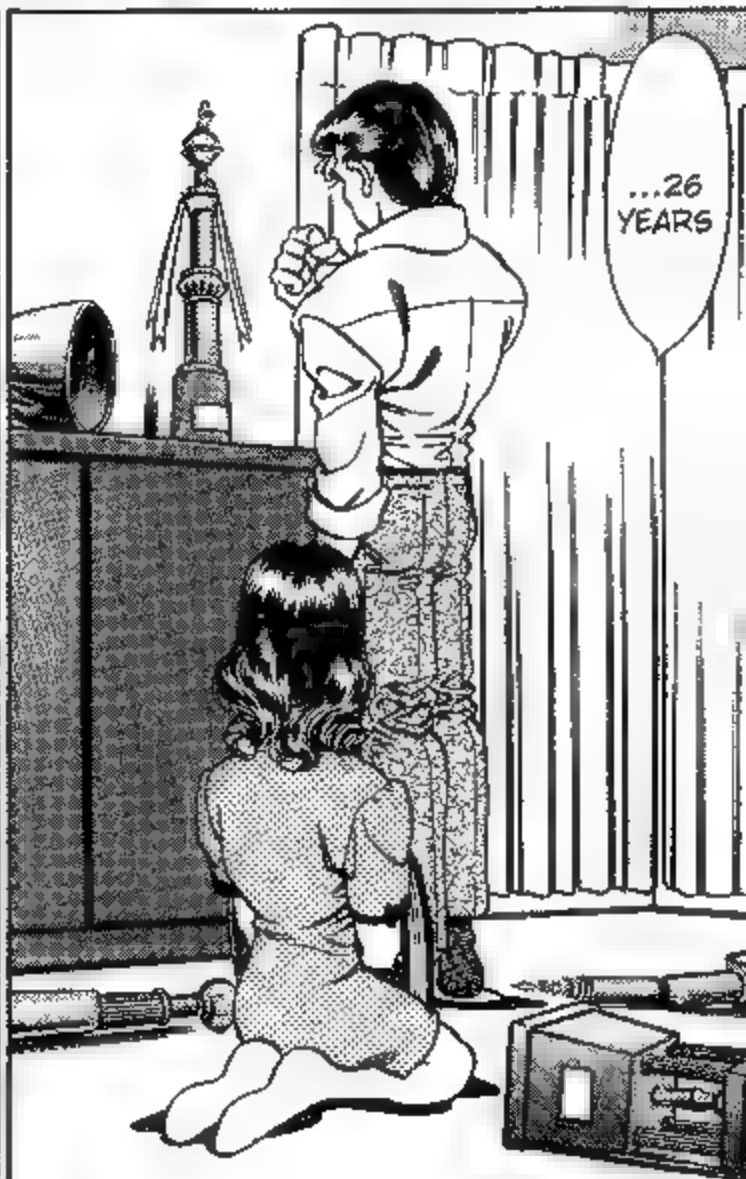


TO THE
CHILD THAT
WAS NOT
BORN...



BE BARELY
IN TIME

I MIGHT



...26
YEARS



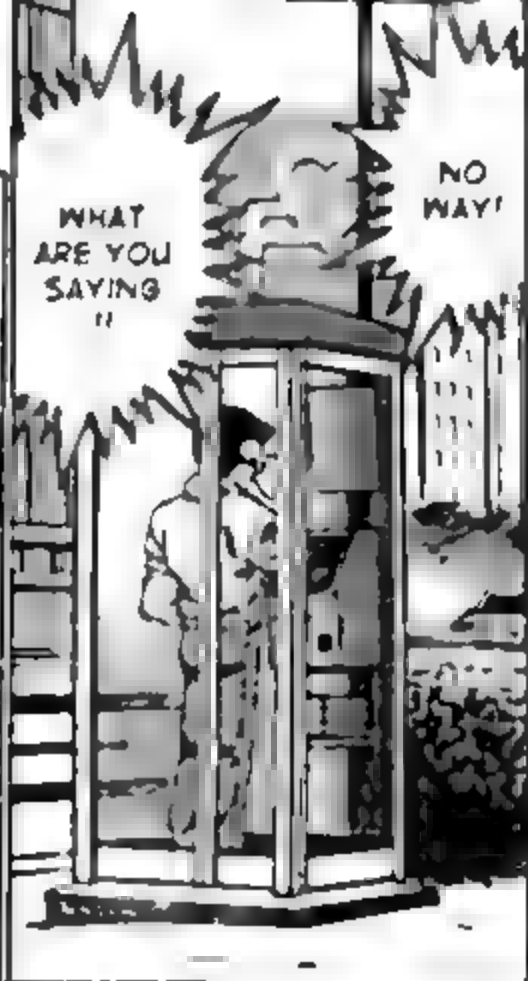
EJI-KUN
17

EJI-KUN
WHAT DOES
AIKO-SAN
SAY!?



I'M VERY
SORRY, THANK
YOU FOR
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE DONE

BRO-
THER



NO
WAY!

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING
!!



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100

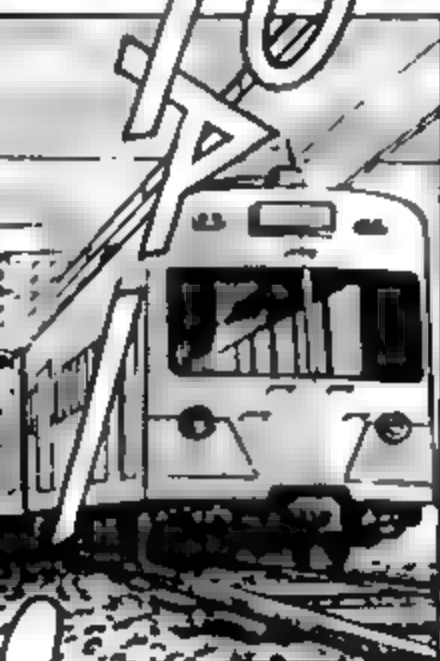
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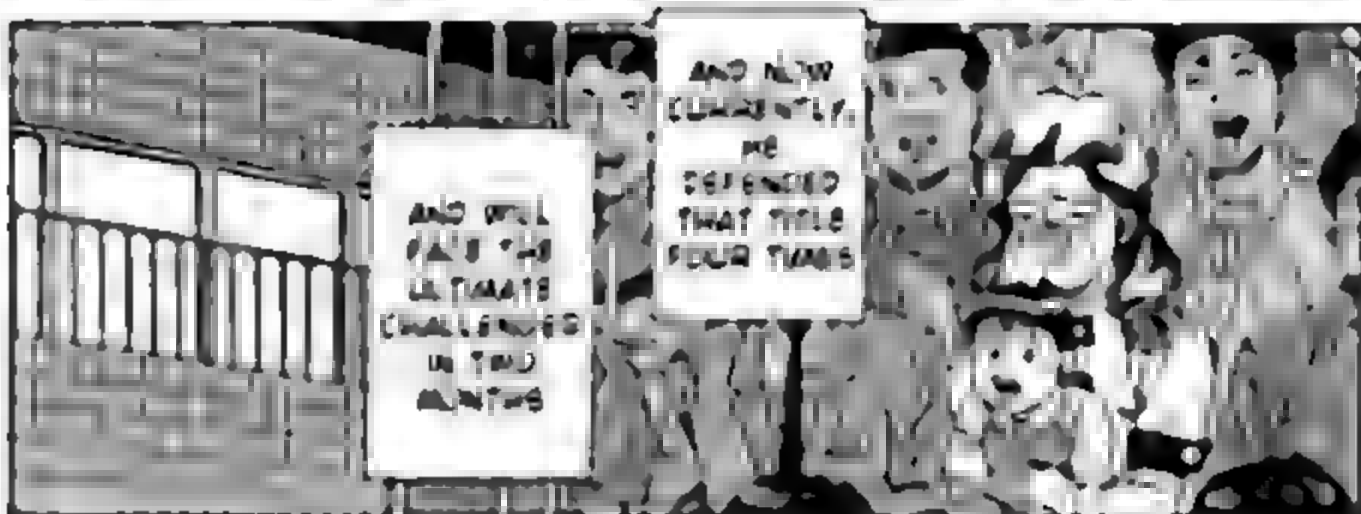
THE PROBLEM
IS HOW MUCH
ENERGY AND
CONDITIONING
I'VE LOST IN
THREE YEARS

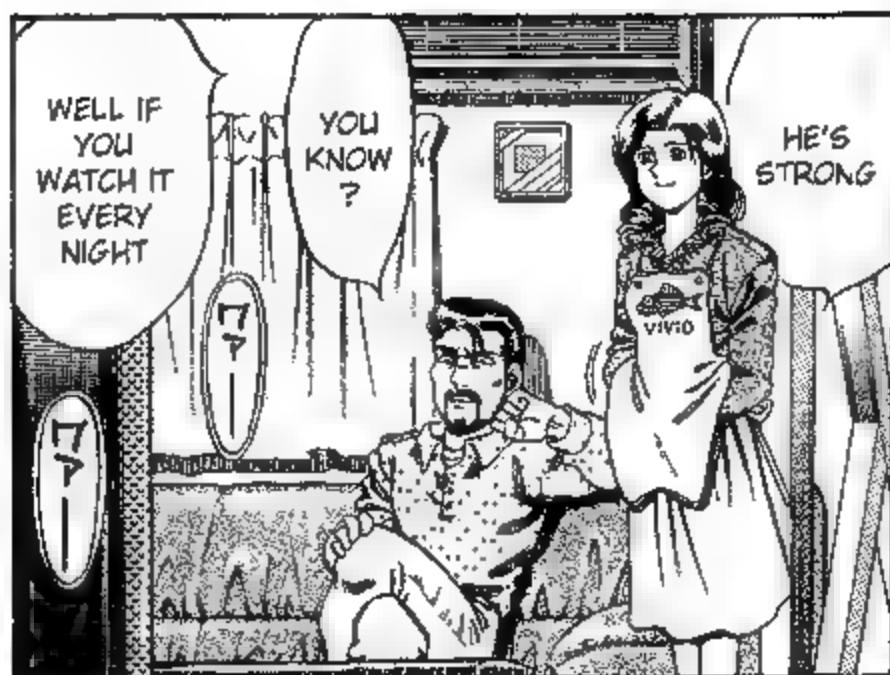




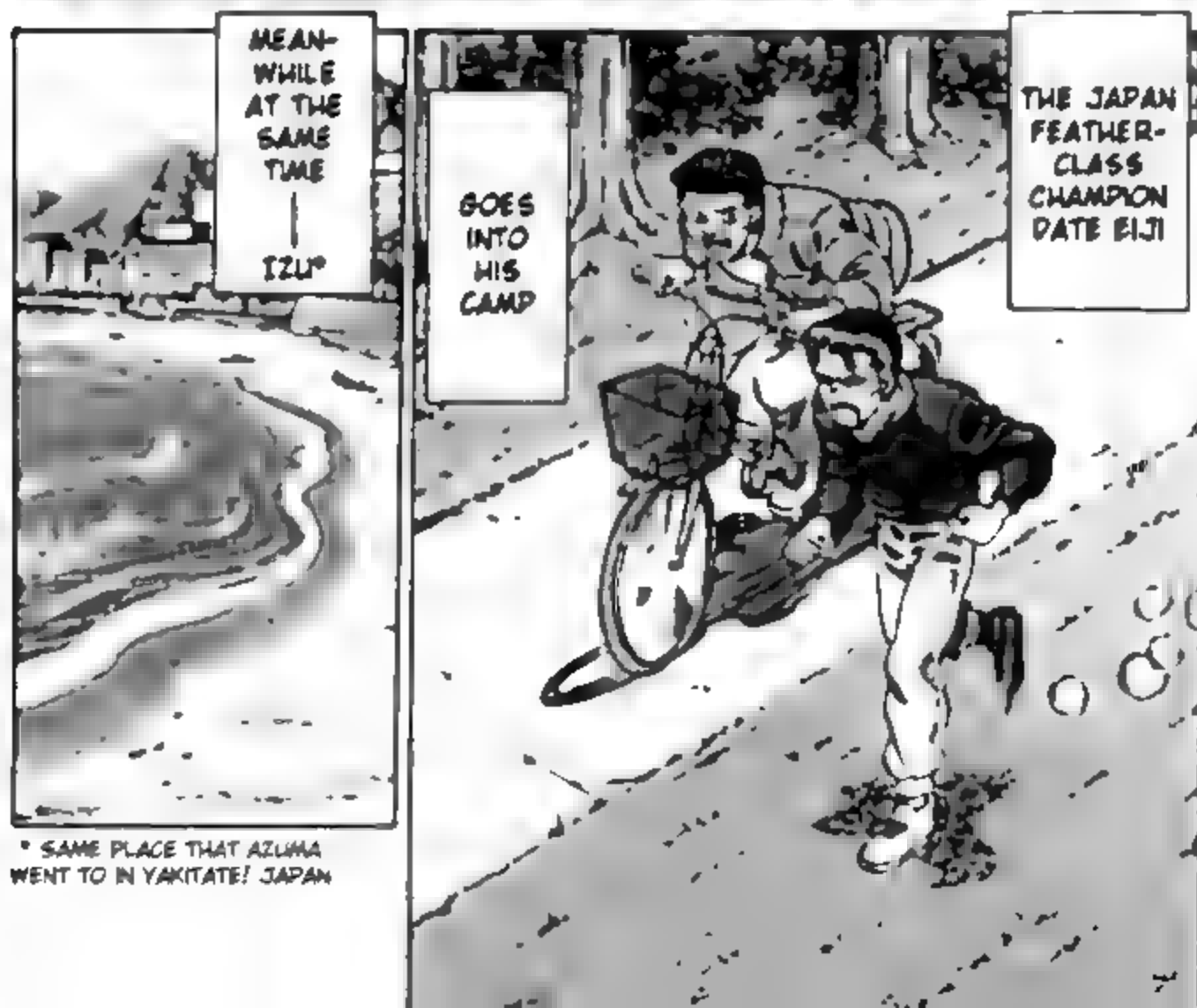












* SAME PLACE THAT AZUMA WENT TO IN YAKITATE! JAPAN

MAKU-
NOUCHI
APPEARED

JAPAN
FEATHER
-
CLASS
RANK 1

AND
WITH
THEM

TAKAMURA
AWAITING HIS
TITLE MATCH,
ALONG WITH THE
RETURN MATCH
KIMURA AND
AKI, ALSO
"CAMPS IN"



BOTH
FIGHTERS
BEGIN THEIR
RESPECTIVE
BATTLE
PREPARA-
TIONS

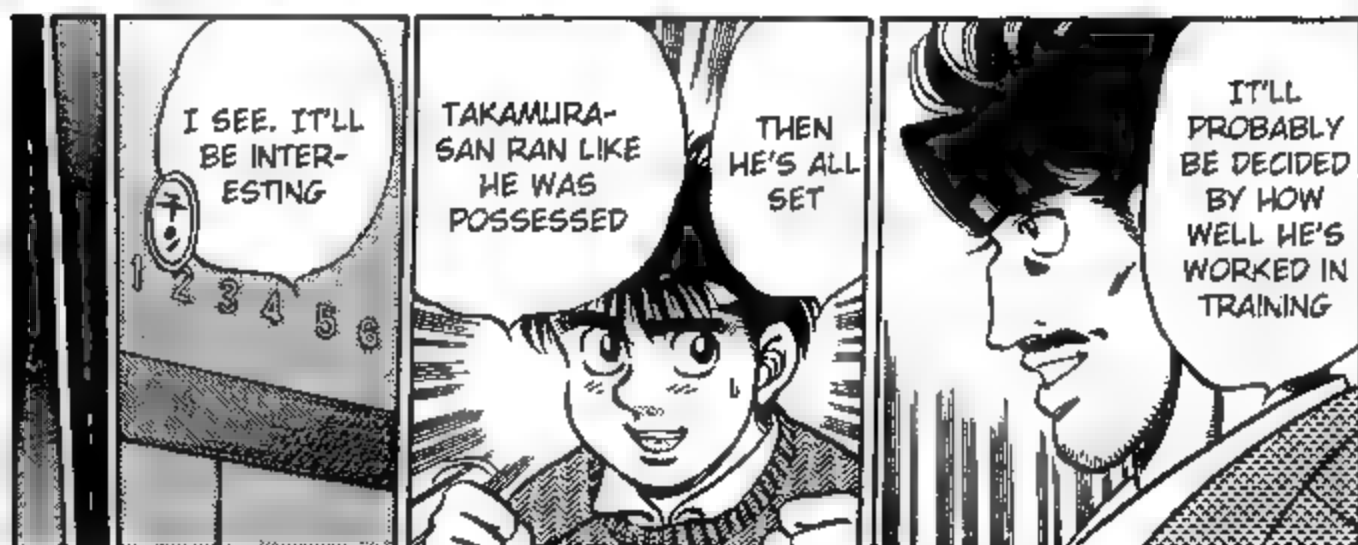
GETTING
CLOSER
TO THE
DAY OF
THE
MATCH

はじめての一步





Round 177 The Power of a King

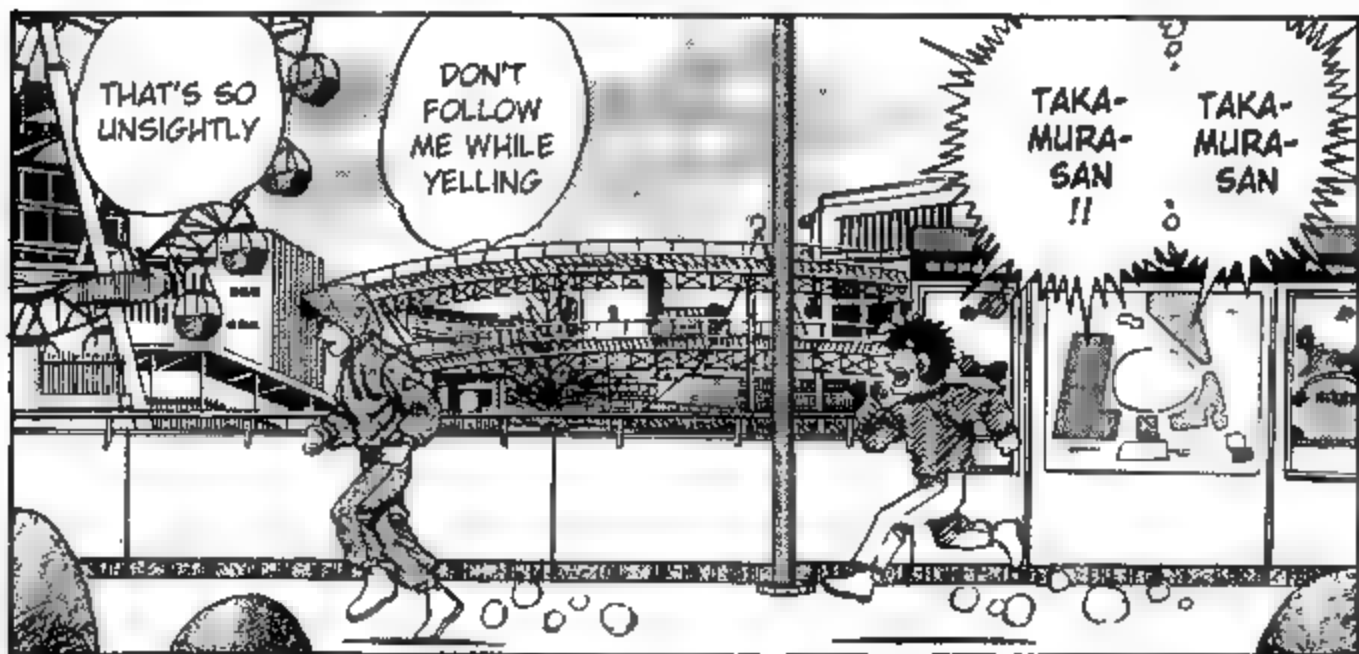






THE
FINAL
BIT







N- NOT
EVEN A
DROP OF
SWEAT
...

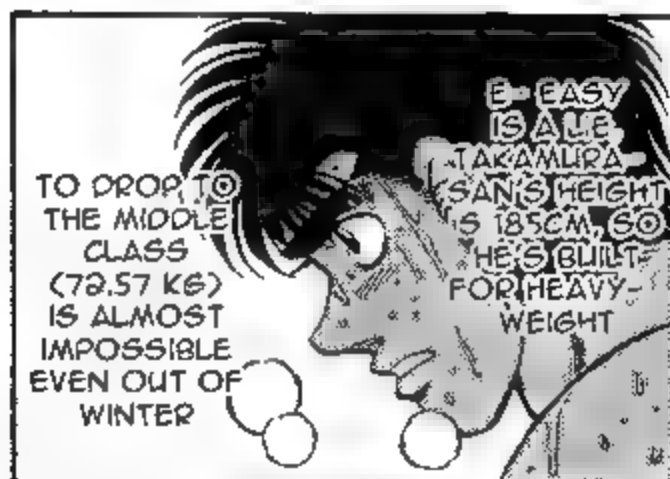
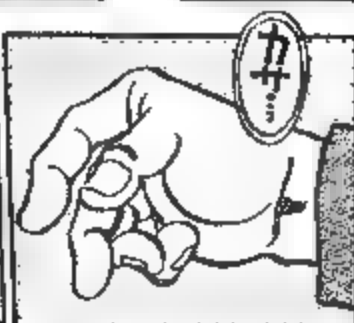


FUUH

B-
BUT



DAMN
IT



TO DROP TO
THE MIDDLE
CLASS
(72.57 KG)
IS ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE
EVEN OUT OF
WINTER

E-EASY
IS A LIE
TAKAMURA
SAN'S HEIGHT
IS 185CM, SO
HE'S BUILT
FOR HEAVY-
WEIGHT



EVEN I'LL
BECOME
A BIT
WORRIED
IF YOU DO
THAT

DON'T
LOOK AT
ME WITH
SUCH
WORRIED
EYES

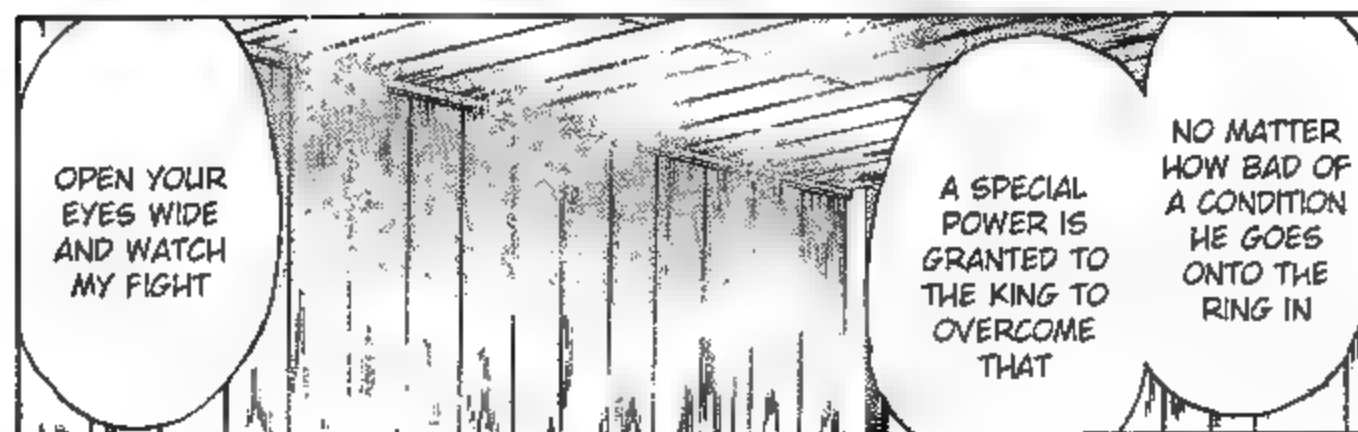


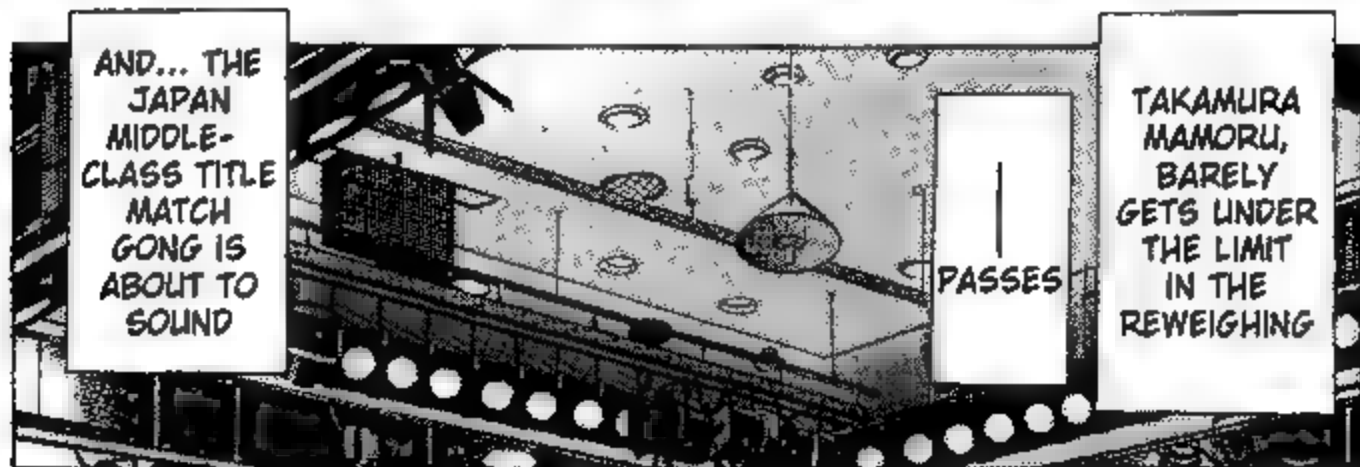
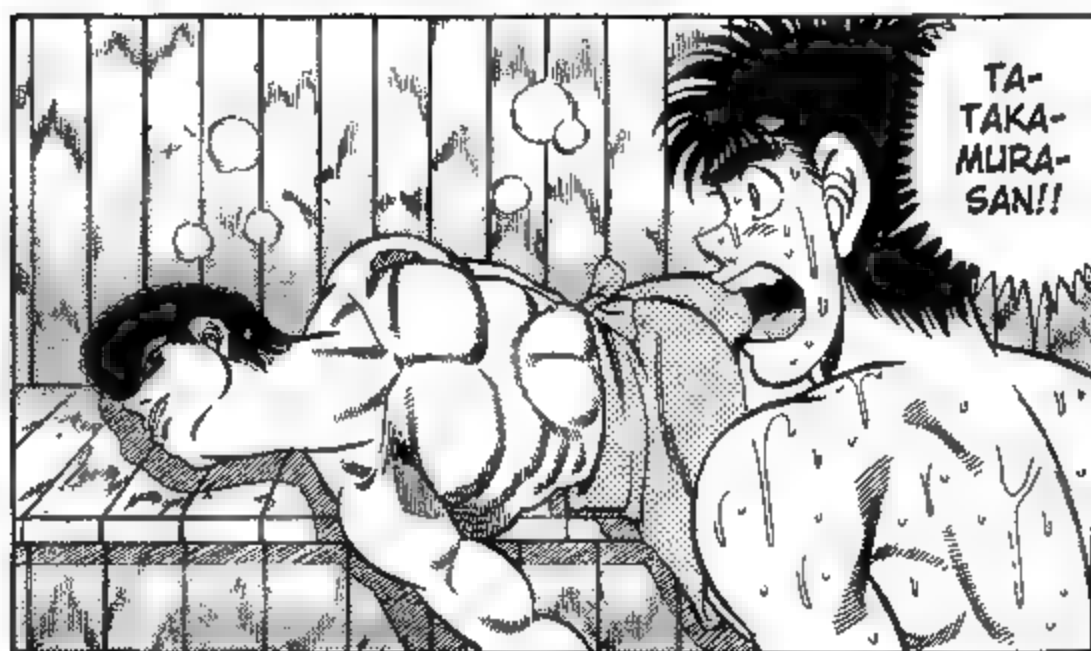
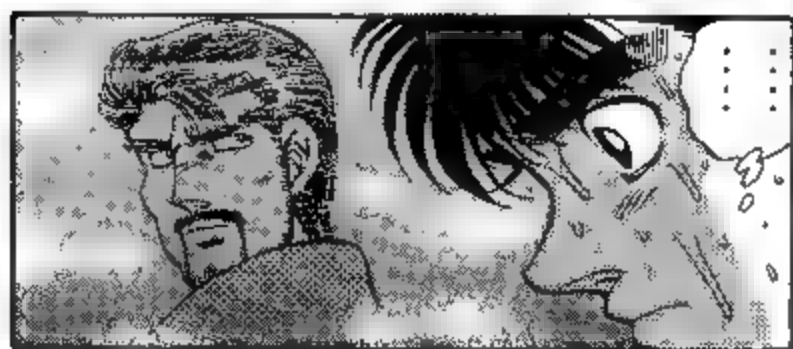
200G IS
EASY

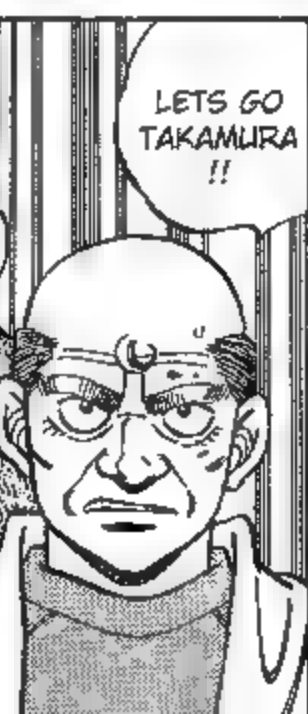
YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
FOLLOW
ME

HAH
HAH

HAH
HAH









DATE-
SAN

DA
...

Y- YES
THAT'S...

THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE SEEN
SUCH A HEAVY
FEELING
BEFORE ONE
OF HIS
MATCHES

I CAME
TO SEE
HIM OFF,
BUT
...

IT'LL BE A
TOUGH FIGHT
FOR EVEN
TAKAMURA

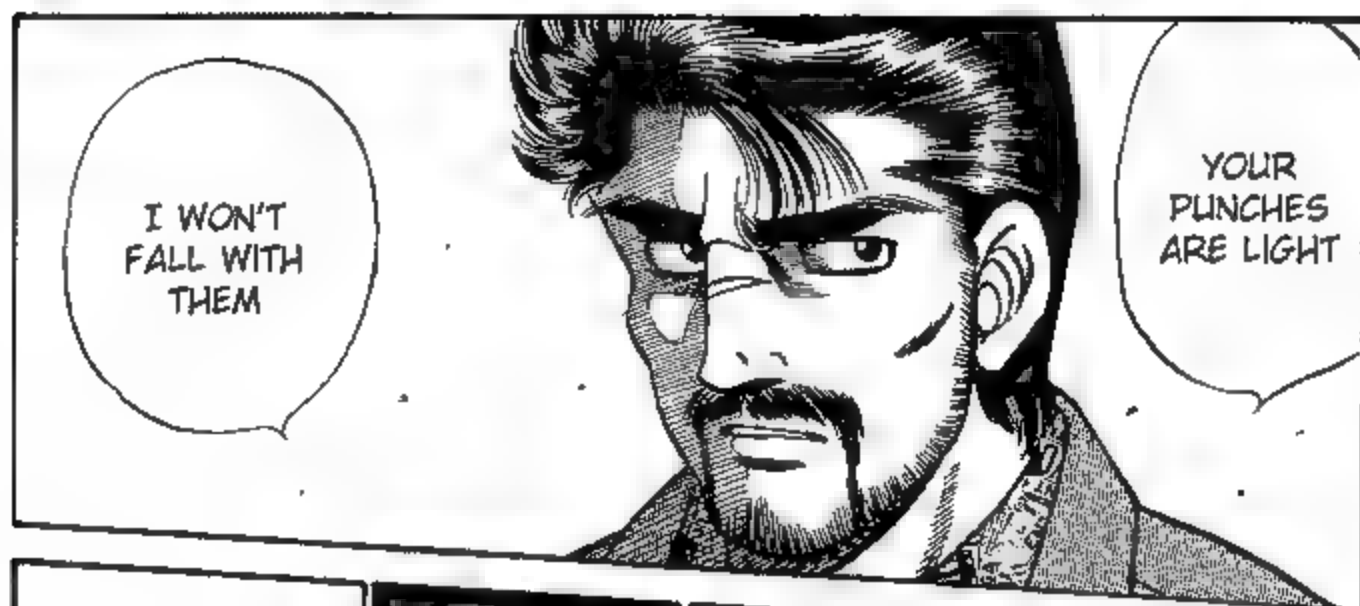
A STRONG
OPPONENT I'VE
AND A HEARD
BOTCHED THE
WEIGHT STORY
LOSS

IT'S A
BAD OMEN
...

IT'S LIKE A
BEACON, AND
CHAMPIONS
FALL ALL
OVER THE
PLACE

IF THE
CHAMPION
FALLS IN
THE
CARNIVAL
OPENER







**TAKAMURA
GETS HIT**

THE
CHAMPION
DOESN'T
HAVE HIS
USUAL CLIT

!!

HE TAKES THE
CHALLENGER'S
BLOW RIGHT
ON

THE
WEIGHT
LOSS IS
DEFI-
NITELY
HURTING

DAMNIT!!
IT'S THE
OPPOSITE
OF THE
USUAL
OPENING

THE
CHAMPION
CANNOT
MOVE

TAMAKI
ATTACKS
!!

AHHH AND
HE'S
BACKED UP
AGAINST
THE ROPES

THAT
TAMAKI IS
STRONG

NO
...



EH
...

HE'S IN
A PINCH
FROM THE
START

AHHHHHHH
WHAT WERE
YOU DOING
HURRY UP
AND CHEER
!!



TAMAKI
LEFT

IT'S IN
!!



TAMAKI READ
THAT AND
TOOK THE
PACE WITH A
COUNTER

HE FORCED A
WEIGHT LOSS
SO HE
ATTACKED
FROM THE
START, TRYING
TO END IT
QUICKLY

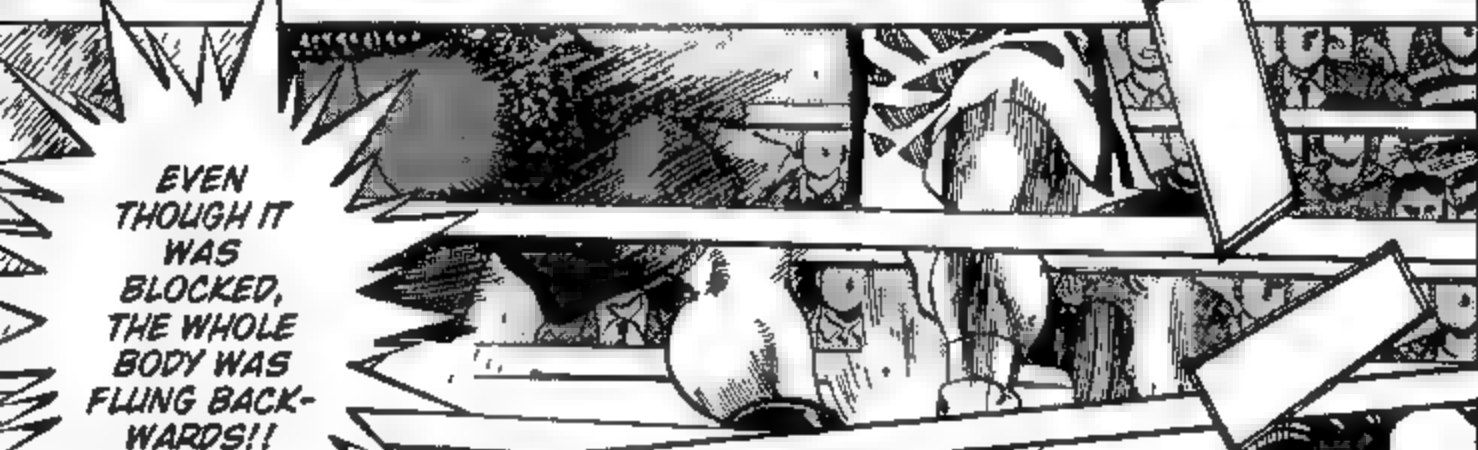
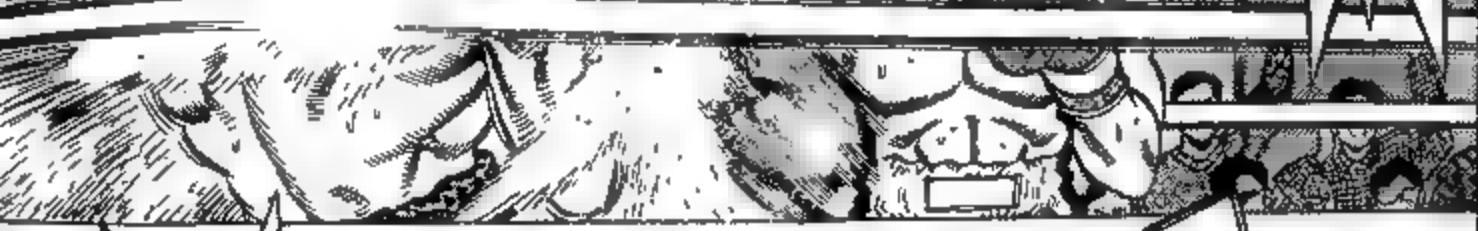
GET AWAY
FROM THE
ROPES

AHHHHH
TAKAMI-
RA-SAN
!!





TAMAKI
RIGHT
!!



EVEN
THOUGH IT
WAS
BLOCKED,
THE WHOLE
BODY WAS
FLUNG BACK-
WARDS!!

I DON'T WANT
TO ADMIT IT,
BUT THE
POWER MIGHT
BE ABOUT AS
MUCH AS
TAKAMURA

THAT'S
TAMAKI'S
FINISHING
BLOW

TH- THAT'S
A HUGE
RIGHT
STRAIGHT

UWAH
...

THERE'S NO
WAY HE
CAN STAY
STANDING
IF HE TAKES
ONE OF
THOSE...

NO
MATTER
HOW
STRONG
TAKAMURA
IS AGAINST
BEING HIT

NO
WAY
!!

HE DEFI-
NITELY
WON'T
FALL!!

HE DIDN'T
PREPARE!
THE LEFT
GUARD IS
DOWN

HE FLINGS
OUT A JAB
TO WARD
OFF THE
CHALLENGER
!!

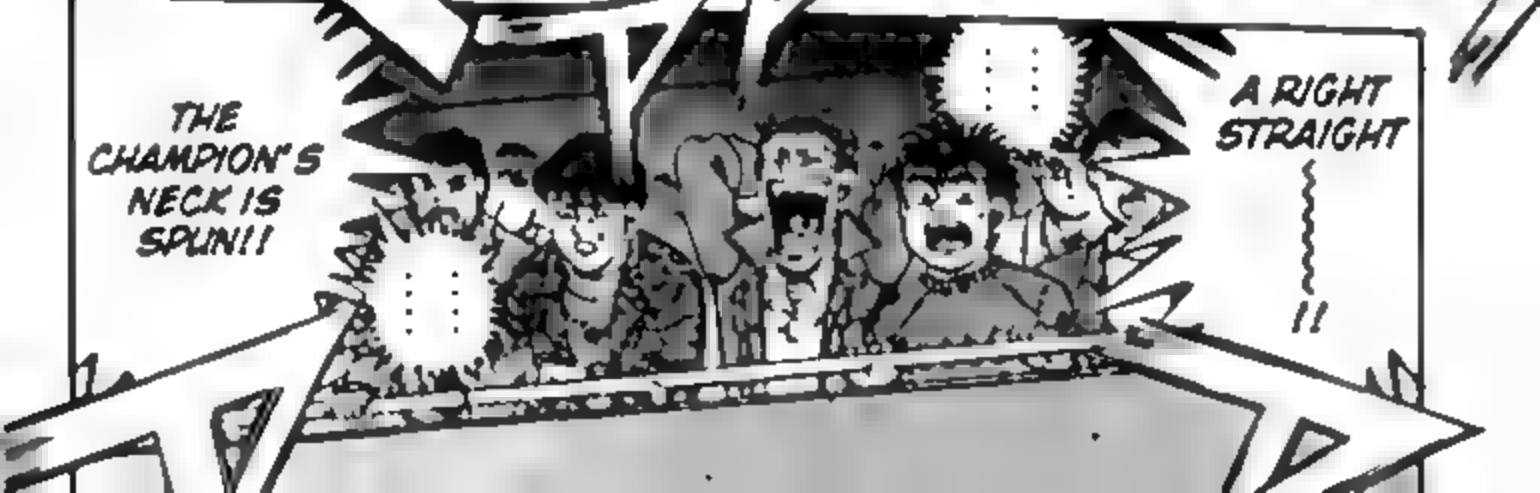
THE
CHAMPION
DOESN'T
LIKE THE
ROPES

THAT'S
GOING
TO BE
TAR-
GETED
"



THE
CHAMPION'S
NECK IS
SPUN!!

A RIGHT
STRAIGHT
!!





THE CHAMPION
SHOWS
INCREDIBLE
DETERMINA-
TION TO KEEP
STANDING!!

HE- HE
STAYS
STANDING
!!



TH- THAT'S
NOT
POSSIBLE
!!

HOW COULD
HE STAY
STANDING
!?



はじめての一步



HOWEVER
HE
TOLERATED
IT!

THE
CHALLENGER'S
FINISHING
BLOW!!

THE FIGHTING!

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Round 178 The Champion's Fist

BUT TO
STAY
STANDING

THAT'S NOT
POSSIBLE!
THE PUNCH
DEFINITELY
GOT IN

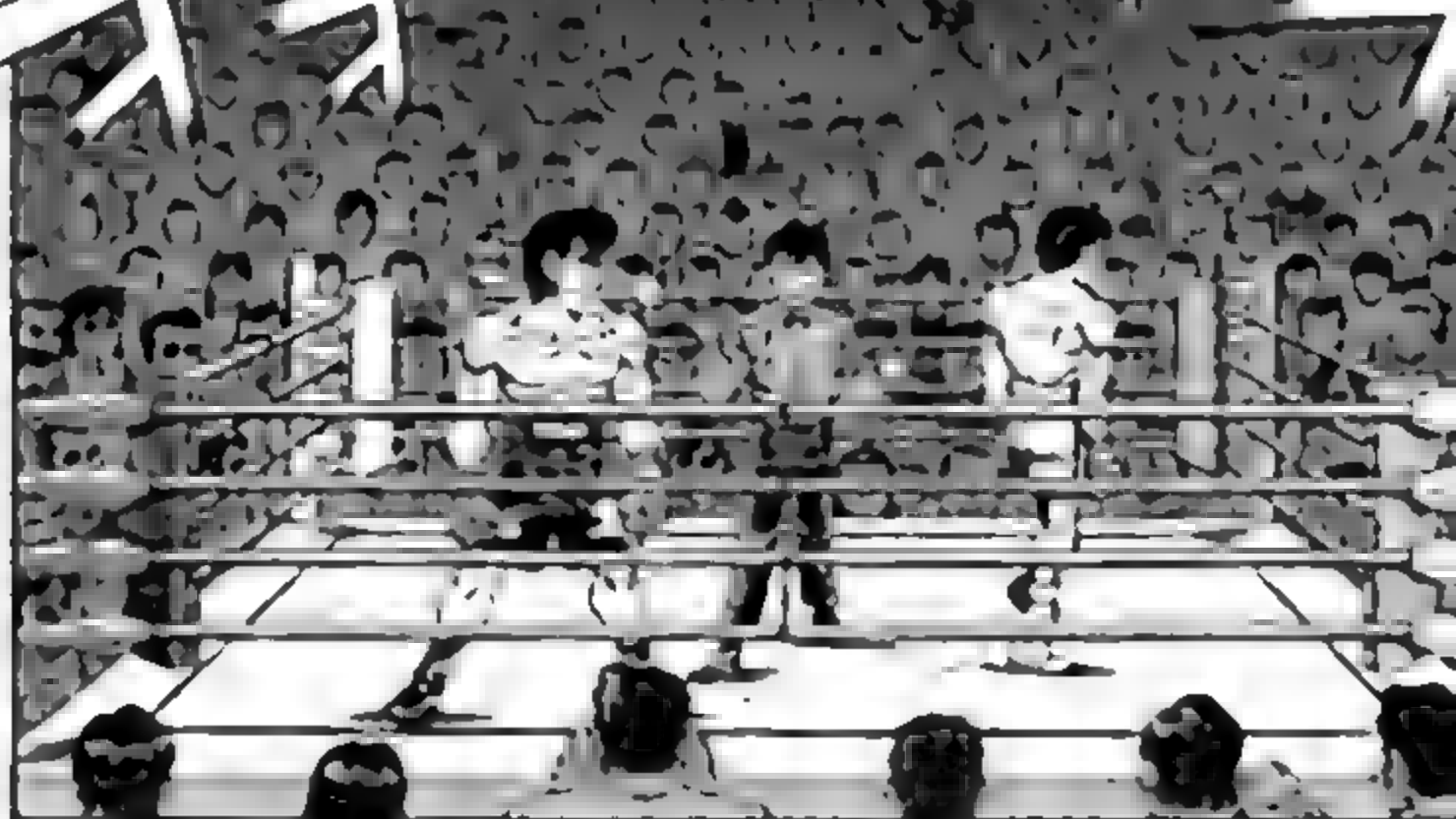
THE FIRST
ROUND ENDS
WITH THE
CHALLENGER
IN A WINNING
POSITION
!!

AND THE
GONG
SOUNDS
HERE!!

BUT IN THIS
CONDITION,
THE PROBLEM
IS NOT ABOUT
THE KO BUT
DEFENDING
THE TITLE
ITSELF

THE CHAMPION
TAKAMURA, IF HE
WINS WITH A KO
TODAY, WILL DESTROY
THE JAPANESE
RECORD HELD BY
AKAI HIDEKAZU,
FOR THE MOST
CONSECUTIVE KOS
STARTING FROM
THE DEBUT

THE HALL
IS IN AN
UPROAR!
AND THAT
CAN'T BE
HELPED



THAT
MAN IS
OUR
GOAL
YOU
KNOW
IT

THAT'S!!
TAKAMURA-
SAN WILL WIN
NO MATTER
WHAT CONDI-
TION HE'S
IN!!

HE'S NOT
IN THE
POSITION
TO FIGHT

A FLEET-
FOOTED
AND TO ADD
TO THAT HE
COLLAPSED
FROM EXHAUSTION
IN THE RING

THIS
ONE IS
LOOKING
BAD

I CAN'T
EVEN BEGIN
TO IMAGINE
TAKAMURA
LOSING BUT





* BASICALLY SAYING THAT THE CHALLENGER IS THREE LEVELS UNDER HIM





A- ASSHOLE
LISTEN TO
THE END!!

HEY,
THEY'RE
TELLING
YOU TO
GET OUT



TAKAMURA!
THERE'S
NOTHING FOR
ME TO SAY IN
TERMS OF
TECHNIQUE OR
ANYTHING,
BUT...



SECOND
OUT!!

MM



ESPECIALLY
FROM THOSE
THREE

I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE
TRYING TO
SAY

I UNDERSTAND
THE BURDEN OF
BEING A
CHAMPION



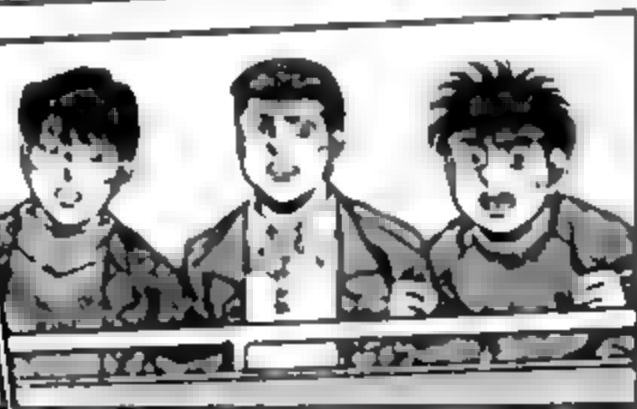
ROUND
2!!

THE LITTLE ONES
DESPERATELY
LOOK TO ME.
I HAVE TO KEEP
BEING THEIR GOAL!



GET
BURNING!
COME ON
GET
BURNING!

TAKA-
MURA-
SAN





TAMAKI
PUSHES
HIM TO THE
ROPES AND
ATTACKS

HE ATTACKS
WITH THE
FERVOR OF
A DASH TO
BECOMING A
CHAMPION
!!



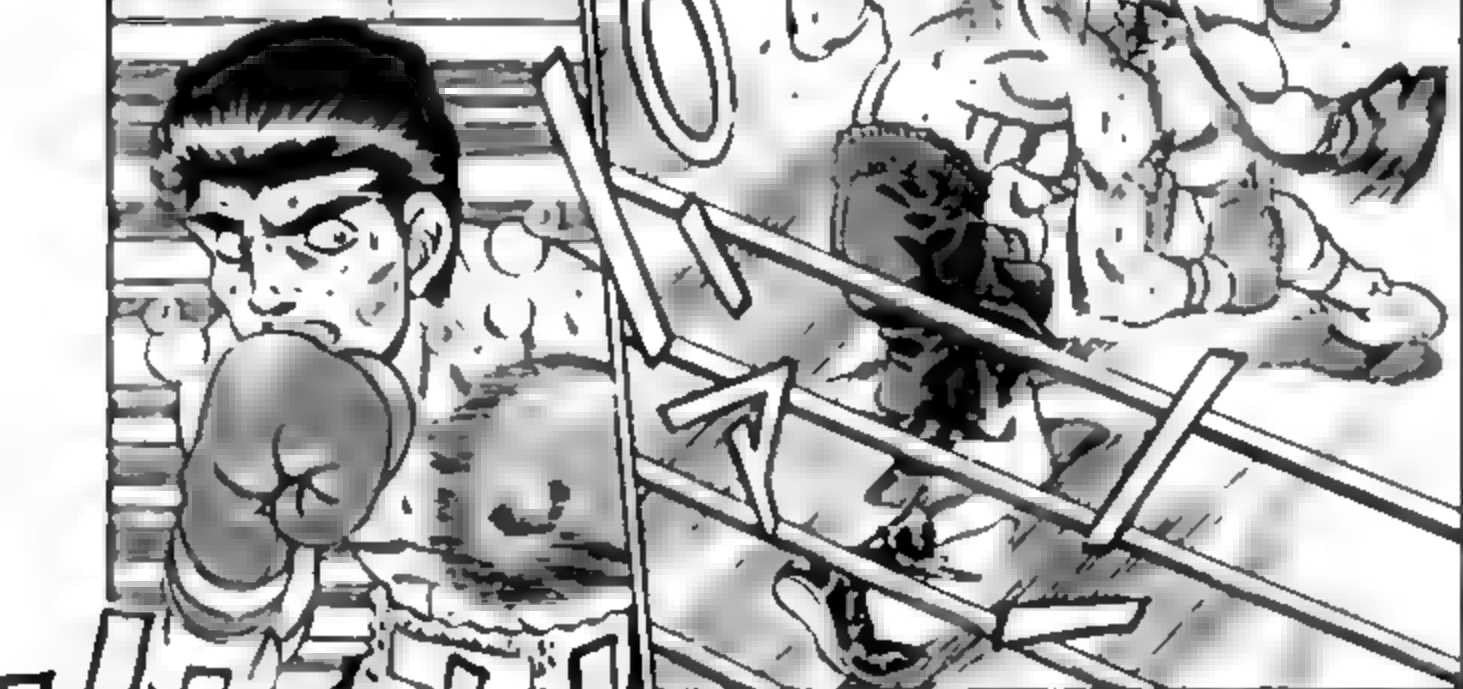
I CAN BEAT HIM!!

AT FULL STRENGTH HE'S CONSIDERED THE STRONGEST IN THE NATION, THIS CHAMPION

I CAN BEAT HIM!!

HE'S A
SANDBAG
BY THE
ROPES

TAKAMURA
CANNOT
ATTACK!



A
RIGHT
—
IS IN
!!

I CAN'T
FIND ANY
OPENINGS

BAS-
TARD'S
BEEN
PRAC-
TICING







HEY
IPPO BE
CAREFUL

TAKAMURA-
SAN COME ON!!
TAKAMURA-
SAN



ARE MY
PUNCHES
NOT
WORKING
?

THOSE
AREN'T
THE
EYES OF
SOMEONE
ABOUT
TO BE
DOWNED



OR IS HE
TRYING TO
TRAP ME
?



SAN

SAN

SAN



SAN
!!

TAKA-
MURA-



SH- SHIT, I
REALLY LOST
CONSCIOUS-
NESS FOR O.
SOMETHING
SECONDS

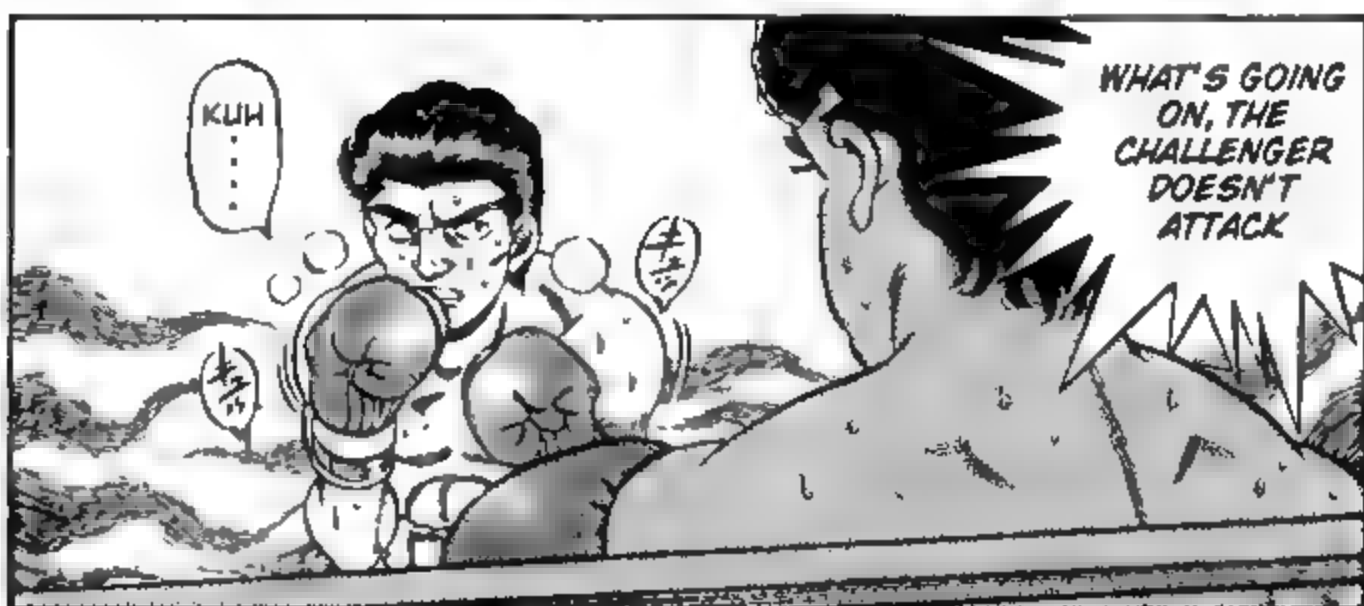
IT WAS A
PERFECT
CHANCE



THIS
BASTARD,
WHY DIDN'T
HE STEP IN
?



AH



IT'S A HIGH LEVEL TRICK



WILL THE
CHAMPION
ATTACK AS
WELL?

THE CHAL-
LENGER
JUMPS
FORWARD
AS IF HE'S
MADE UP
HIS MIND



TAKAMI
WITH A
COMBINA-
TION, AND
ANOTHER
AND
ANOTHER!!

HE
CAN'T
HIT!

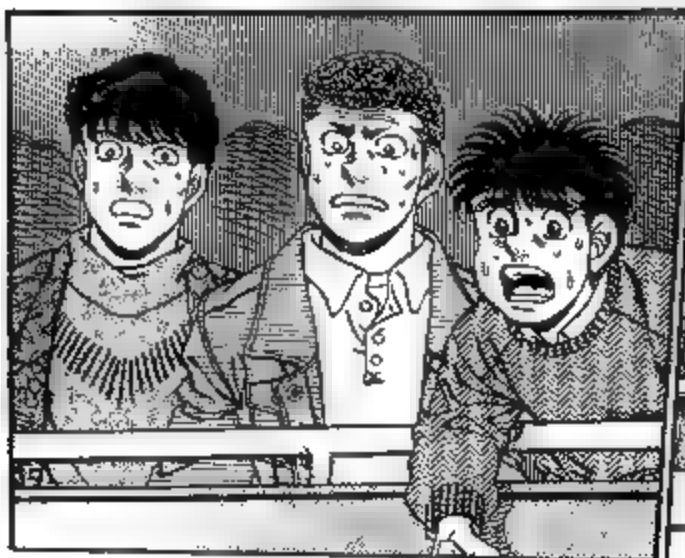


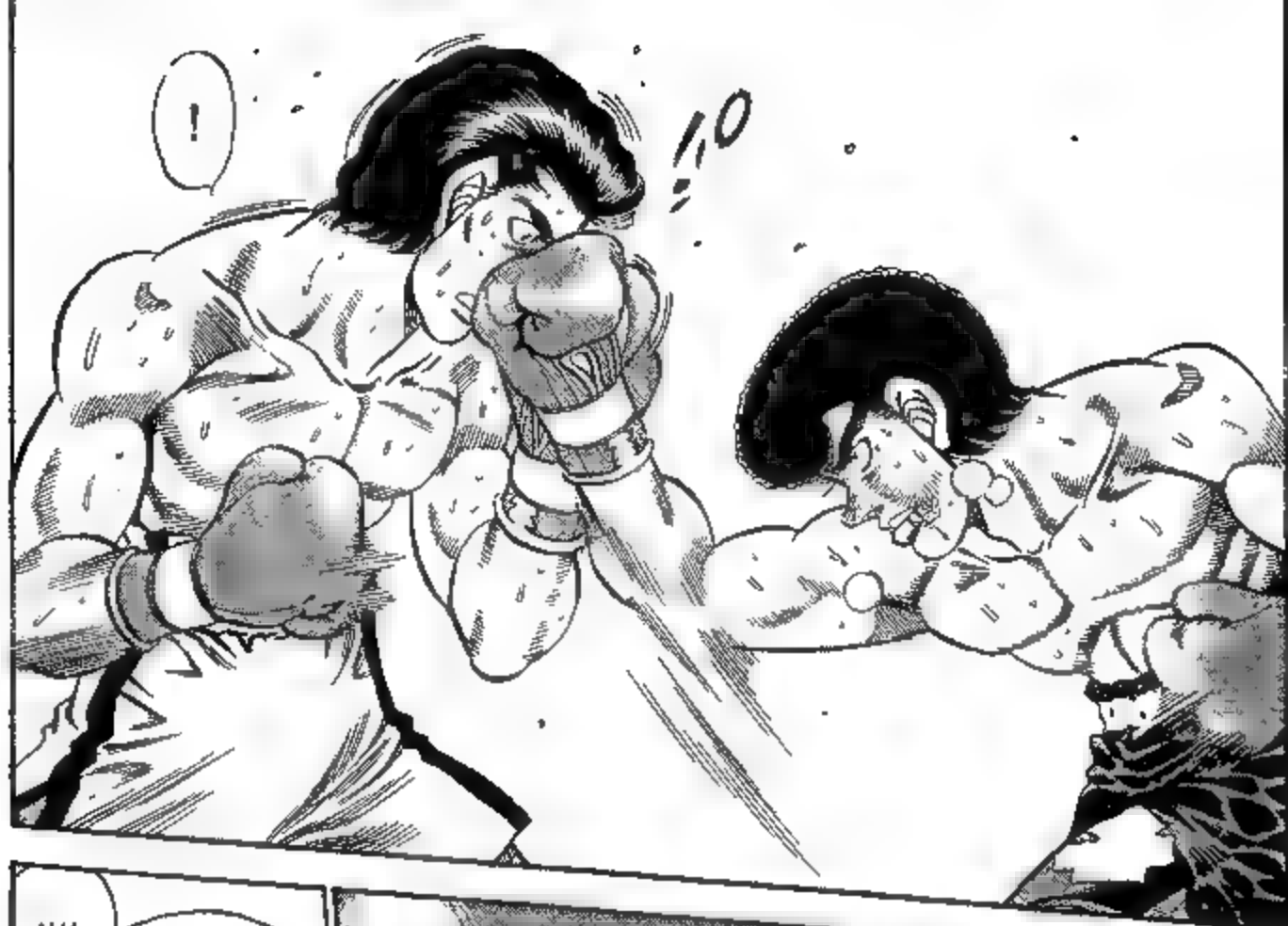
IDIOT WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING!!

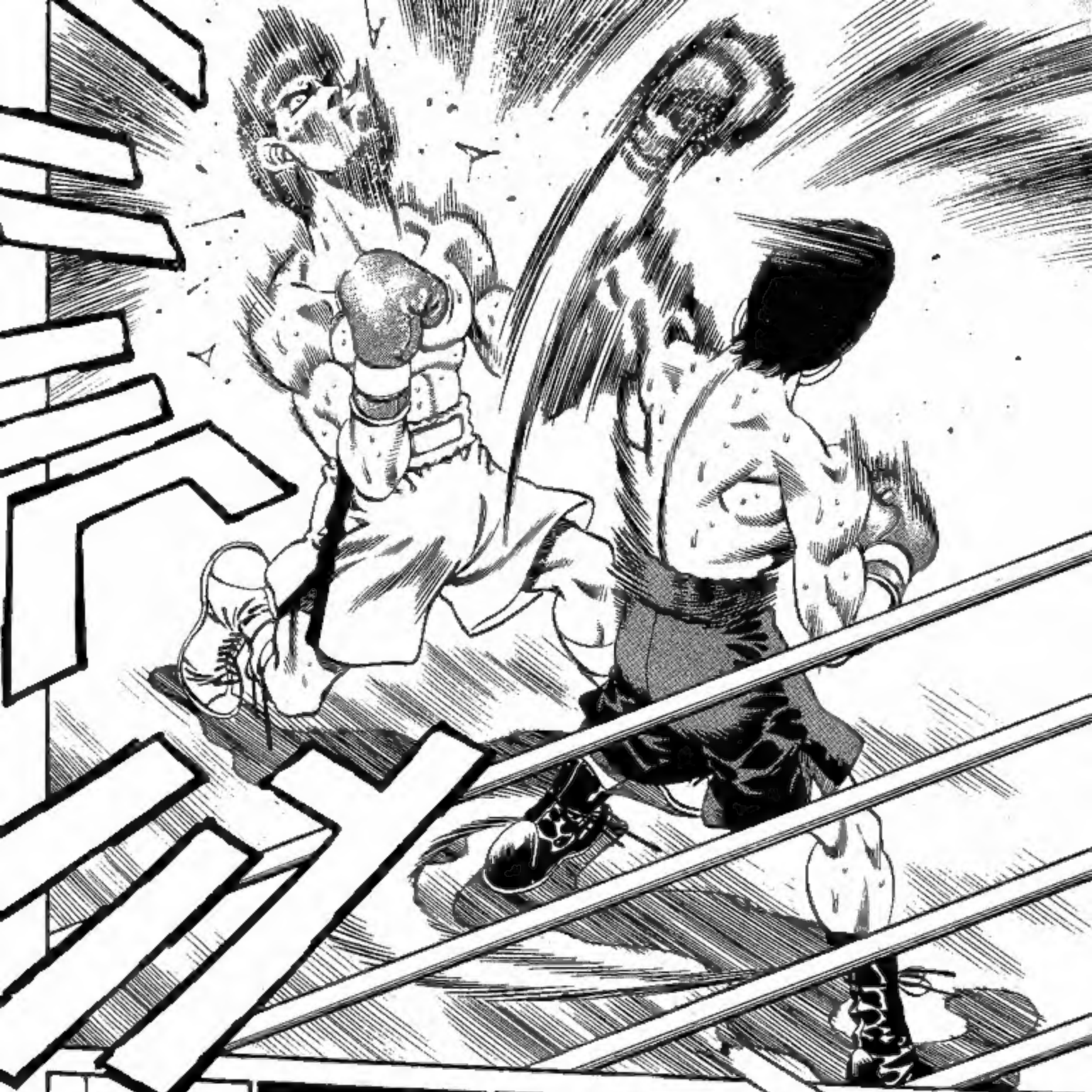
THROW
SOME
PUNCHES
TAKAMI-
RA-SAN

AHHH









GAH

HAH

AH

THE CHALLENGER
STARTED SWINGING
WILDLY WHEN HE
GOT CONFUSED,
WHEN HE DIDN'T
HAVE ANY OPENINGS
BEFORE! THAT'S
WHERE HE AIMED!!



HE
ATTACKED
WITH NO
HESITA-
TION

A LEFT
UPPER

JUST AS
THE CHAL-
LENGER
WAS
FROZEN



M- MY
LEGS



HE REALLY
GOT ME
THERE, BUT
I PUT IN
MORE
PUNCHES



I'M IN A
MORE
ADVANTA-
GEOUS
POSITION



NOW
IT'S
EVEN
!!



THERE'S
NO WAY I
CAN'T WIN

WE'RE
BOTH
HUMANS!



I WON'T
LET THIS
SLIP AWAY,
I
PRACTICED
TO DEATH,
TOO

IT'S
AFFECTING
THE
CHAMPION,
TOO. THIS
IS MY
CHANCE



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IT'S
NOT THE
SAME
!!

